

when the play was finished. He told how Von Bissing had retired to rest, and could not be disturbed; but that how a message came finally from him that matters must take their course, and that even the Kaiser could not interfere. In the early hours of the next morning, Edith Cavell was shot at the rifle-range.

"Some said that she fainted," said M. de Leval. "No. She was not a woman to faint." Two minutes before she died she wrote in her prayer-book the dates of her arrest, trial and execution, adding the words, "My love to my mother." There were some missing from the funeral on Friday, said M. de Leval, who should have been there—Von Bissing, Stoeber and the Kaiser.

We noticed on the platform Miss Cavell's sister, Mrs. Wainwright, who listened to the painful but glorious record, with a fortitude that was not unworthy of her kinship.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

France has conferred the posthumous decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour on Miss Edith Cavell; and at the Queen's Hall (after M. de Leval's address), Comte André D'Ormesson, First Secretary to the French Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the French Republic, presented to Mrs. Wainwright the Cross awarded to her heroic sister, with the words, "France Salutes Our Great Dead."

REGISTRATION UP TO DATE.

MEETING TO PROTEST AGAINST THE ATTEMPT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL TO WRECK THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

On Friday this week, May 23rd, a Meeting will be held to protest against (1) the attempt of the College of Nursing, Ltd., to wreck the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons, and (2) to set up through its Bill in the House of Lords a Governing Body for the Nursing Profession, on which not one seat is *secured* to the Nurses.

The Meeting will be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., at 5 p.m. Mr. Herbert Paterson, F.R.C.S., Medical Hon. Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association, will be in the Chair, and the Resolutions, which will be couched in no uncertain terms, will be proposed by Miss Nina Boyle, a brilliant advocate of justice for women, and by Miss E. L. C. Eden, the greatly respected Hon. Advisor of the National Union of Trained Nurses. Dr. Crouch, one of the most sympathetic and sincere friends of nurses, and many others will give their support.

The Meeting is free, and all nurses who value professional status, and personal liberty, are cordially invited to take part in protesting against the indefensible policy of the College

Council in attempting to wreck their Bill in the House of Commons, and to thrust autocratic control upon them through their Bill in the House of Lords. See page ii inside cover.

A VAIN DELUSION.

One of the most vain delusions of the nurse members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., is that in the Bill drafted by its Council, and never submitted to them for consideration, two-thirds of their Governing Body under the Bill must be nurses.

The Central Committee's Bill has always provided that the Direct Representatives of the Nurses must be nurses, as lay and medical representation is otherwise provided.

But the College Bill, until its seventh draft appeared, never incorporated this safeguard, and now that it has introduced a Bill into the House of Lords—presented by the Treasurer of Guy's Hospital—the subsection which made professional representation obligatory has been eliminated, and the word "Person" substituted for "Nurse," so that not one seat is *secured* to Trained Nurses on their own Governing Body, and the whole Council may be composed of employers. This may suit College Nurses, but it will not be tolerated by the Nursing Profession at large.

A WICKED POLICY.

The order issued to the Nurse Members by the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., to petition Members of the House of Commons to wreck the Nurses' Registration Bill, knowing well that but few of them knew the issues at stake, has aroused most bitter indignation upon the part of the members of the profession who are not under hospital control, and who, having worked and paid for their legal status for so many years, *do* understand the question. Moreover, we learn that this wicked policy does not commend itself to the House of Commons or the public, many of whom now realise what a dangerous oligarchy the working nurses are up against in the combination of the lay governors and matrons of the Nurse-Training Schools. From the anti-registration Matrons in their new pose of registrationist we expected no other treatment, but from women like Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Musson, Miss Rundle, and others, who in the past have professed to support the principle of State Registration, that they should have betrayed our cause when they realised victory was within our grasp, and tried to deprive us of the results of long years of devotion to professional and public duty, is amazing. It is more than amazing—it is base.

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