

**"VIVE LA BELGIQUE, VIVE LE R--"**

Who would not feel it a privilege to contribute to the monument to be erected to the memory of the Belgian patriot, Mlle. Gabrielle Pettit, who suffered the same fate as Edith Cavell? Condemned to death on March 3rd, 1915, by German judges, on a charge of espionage, for a month her persecutors deferred carrying the sentence into effect, during which they endeavoured, by every means in their power, without avail, to induce her to betray those with whom she was associated. She died a martyr, proclaiming her allegiance to her country and her King.

The British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, which is making an appeal for support of the movement, relates of her that:—

At her mock trial, alone, without aid of any kind, she stood and faced her judges. To the question, "Why did you enter the service of espionage?" she replied:—

"From hatred of your system and from a love of my country; but I am not a spy like your spies. You have no business to be here at all. You have broken all your promises and are acting against every principle of right."

"If you are pardoned, what would you do?"  
"Begin again."

"Your crime is enormous; you have been the cause of the loss of several thousand German soldiers."

"You make me very happy; I have taken all my precautions and the service will continue just as though I were there."

"You will be pardoned if you will only give some indications about your organization."

"No; a thousand times, No!"

She refused to sign a petition for mercy, and at the execution insisted upon not having her eyes bandaged. With head erect, facing the firing squad, she cried, "Vive la Belgique, Vive le R--"

**THE HOSPITAL WORLD.**

The Bolton Infirmary Committee is embarking on a big scheme of development, to cost £100,000. Mr. E. P. Potter, J.P., has presented the handsome residence, "Fernclough," Heaton, and fourteen acres of freehold ground, for use as a convalescent hospital; and a site has been obtained for a new out-patients' department, a nursing home for patients who are prepared to pay a nominal fee, an administrative department, and nurses' quarters.

The upkeep of the enlarged institution will require the doubling of the present annual income, and this has been undertaken by the Workers' Hospital Saturday Committee. The £100,000 is to be raised by public subscription.

Miss Maude MacCallum will be glad to give any information about the Professional Nurses' Union to nurses and others interested. Write to her at Evelyn House, Room 17, 62, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

**APPOINTMENTS.**

**MATRON.**

**Grosvenor Hospital for Women, Vincent Square, S.W.**—Miss Alice Thorne has been appointed Matron. She at present holds the position of Assistant Matron at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

**Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.**—Miss Florence Ada Merchant has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, and for a number of years has been Matron of the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow. Miss Merchant holds the certificates of the Scottish Board of Health and the Medico-Psychological Association, and is a Certified Midwife.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Knaresborough, and Small Pox Hospital, Hillinghall.**—Miss Ada Copeland has been appointed Matron. She has trained at Darlington Fever Hospital, and Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and has been Matron of the Isolation Hospitals at Acomb, York, Chichester, and Bishop's Stortford.

**Workmen's Hospital, Abertysswg.**—Miss Feodora M. Austen has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Charing Cross Hospital, and has held the position of Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Kington, Herefordshire, and the Cottage Hospital, Farringdon, and has been Night Sister and Theatre Sister at the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, London.

**Public Hospital, Demerara.**—Miss Susie Clapham has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Portsmouth Royal Hospital, and at the City of London Lying-in Hospital, and has been Matron of the Silver City Sanatorium, New Mexico, and of the Civil Hospital, Gibraltar.

**Hospital for Infectious Diseases, West Heath, Congleton.**—Miss F. E. Bates has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and has done Military nursing.

**SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.**

**Coventry Union Infirmary.**—Miss Hannah H. Newton has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Leeds Township Hospital, and has held the position of Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Northumberland War Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sister at Hendray Hospital, Barnsley, and Assistant Superintendent at Sunderland.

**SISTER.**

**Taunton and Somerset Hospital.**—Miss Elizabeth Rogers, R.R.C., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Worcester, and has been Sister and Assistant Matron in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. 1914 to 1919.

**Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital.**—Miss Margaret B. C. Cowan has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, where she continued to work—and has also done military nursing during the war.

**CHARGE SISTER.**

**Romford Union.**—Miss Mary Ann Sladen has been appointed Charge Sister. She was trained at the Withington Hospitals, Manchester, and has held the position of Maternity Night Nurse under the Manchester Board of Guardians, and done Military nursing at the Nell Lane Military Hospital.

**CHARGE NURSE.**

**Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham.**—Miss Annie Ellis has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Infirmary, High Street, Lewisham, and at the South Western Fever Hospital (M.A.B.). She has also done private nursing, and has been engaged in military nursing since 1914, until demobilized in the present year.

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