

We learn there are at the present moment, on the register of the Nurses' Resettlement Department, which is affiliated to the Professional Women's Register, at 99, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, the names of over 550 fully trained and partly trained nurses who are seeking well-paid and for the most part, non-residential professional employment. Most of these nurses have now had a much needed rest after their prolonged war service, and they are most anxious to undertake further work for the civil population in such appointments as surgical assistants (non-residential), dental assistants, visiting nurses, private massage cases, school and dental nurses, health inspectors, investigation officers and probation officers.

The demand for these varied types of work is not limited to London. In the provinces nurses are registering their requirements at the Professional Women's Registers scattered over the country and in Scotland at the offices at 112, George Street, Edinburgh.

As an example of the work of the Nurses' Resettlement Committee, it may be stated that out of a total of 6,150 individual enquiries 2,015 have been placed in satisfactory employment, whilst a further 3,594 have been put into touch with training.

Owing to the dearth of administrative appointments in the Nursing Profession, it has been found that many well-trained, experienced nurses are seeking an outlet for their energies in work of another kind, such as poultry farming, gardening, tea shops and club work.

Bart's *League News* publishes the Nurses Registration Act for England and Wales. No doubt, by its next issue, many of the members of the League will have availed themselves of the privileges it confers upon our Profession. The *News* also announces the splendid success of the Bazaar held in the Grand Hall in support of the Hospital. In one day the grand total was £3,309, the Nurses' Stall making no less than £338, the largest amount taken at any one stall—a fine record.

Eleven marriages are announced amongst the members, nine births, and, we regret to note, three deaths. The League is now upwards of 1,000 strong.

We much regret that a most interesting report from the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League arrived too late for insertion in this week's issue.

The fifth anniversary of the death of Edith Cavell was observed in London on Tuesday, and tributes of flowers were laid at the foot

of her statue by groups of nurses and others. Lady Temple, on behalf of the Council of the Nurses' Rest Homes, placed a chaplet "To the imperishable memory of Edith Cavell, who died for humanity, October 12, 1915."

It appears perfectly hopeless to convince society women, actresses and shop girls how bitterly self-respecting trained nurses detest Victory Balls, Flag Days in the street, and other methods by which they amuse themselves, being utilised for holding their profession up in *forma pauperis*, and the junketing at the London hotels and elsewhere with "poor nurse" as the excuse on Tuesday last followed the usual programme. The system of using the nursing profession in this connection reached its limit at the "Billy Carleton" Ball, and in the "Nurse Juliet" appeal in the *Daily Telegraph*; and to associate the revered name of Edith Cavell with the hotel revels everywhere patronised by extravagantly dressed, painted women on Tuesday, is a scandal which we hope may never be repeated. A tithe of the money spent by these "philanthropists" on their marvellous garments, make-up, food and wine, would endow all the Edith Cavell Rest Homes in perpetuity.

The fraudulent "flag day" collector is another undesirable result of the system. The following case is by no means singular:—

"Of independent means, Emily Hall, 55, wife of a glass factory artist, of Hubert Grove, Stockwell, surrendered to bail on remand at Westminster, before Mr. Cecil Chapman, charged as an authorised "flag day" collector with obtaining charitable contributions by fraud and with failing to place contributions from the public in the box provided for the purpose.

Mr. C. B. Cragg, a gentleman who had purchased a flag, deposed that he watched her, and saw her transfer money from her flag tray to her pocket. Witness made a communication to the police, and it was deposed by Detective Thompson that prisoner made a pretence of putting silver into one of two collecting boxes which she was carrying, slipping the coins down the side, and subsequently transferring them to a metal match-box suspended by a chain on her neck. When arrested she had 4s. 9d. in the match-box—five sixpences, two shillings, and a threepenny piece—2s. 11d. in coppers in the flag tray, and 1s. 3d. in silver and coppers in her coat pocket. Clever counsel gave specious explanations. In our opinion the kindly magistrate dealt far too leniently with this case, "known as a philan-

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