

### NURSING ECHOES.

The open secret that Lord and Lady Cowdray have secured No. 20, Cavendish Square, formerly occupied by Mr. Asquith, and have presented it to the College of Nursing, Ltd., for headquarters, has now been announced. It is to be used as a residential club for members of the College, with twenty bedrooms, and for lectures, class rooms and examinations, and accommodation for the administrative section will be built on the ground now occupied by the stables. This is a gift worth having. In reporting Lord Cowdray's gift of a club to the Flying Corps, when he bought our Lyceum building in Piccadilly and put down £100,000 for reconstruction and endowment, we remarked that a dignified gift quietly bestowed was the proper manner in which to treat a body of professional persons, and how different had been the patronage of the nurses, in begging for them from all and sundry through the Nation's Fund, arousing bitter indignation and resentment.

With huge wealth accumulated through commerce, and the labour of thousands of manual workers, it is only just that some of it should be returned to them by our mercantile millionaires. The higher education of trained nurses will, let us hope, be a means through which the health of the people will surely benefit. It is to be regretted that the endowment of the College of Nursing, Ltd., did not take place four years ago, when the self-respecting section of the Nursing Profession might have been spared all the humiliation consequent upon the touting and degrading press campaign made in its name by persons of wealth lacking in sensibility.

Members of the Nurses' Missionary League are reminded of the approaching sale of work on November 13th. Miss Richardson will be pleased to receive any number of parcels of saleable things, if sent to Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.

"Reciprocal" courses of nursing are becoming quite a vogue. We have nineteen international students at King's College for Women, London, at the present time. Two Czech nurses, Mlle. Bayena Brezenova, and Mlle. Frantiska Risticova, have been sent by the Red Cross to study nursing at the Massachusetts General Hospital at Boston, U.S.A., and some Italian students are to go to America within the next year to see how public health nursing is done. The scholarships

permitting them to do this have been secured through the Director of the American Red Cross Tuberculosis Commission to Italy, says the *American Journal of Nursing*. So spreads the light.

"The Case of Miss Cavell," issued by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, consists mainly of unpublished documents in possession of a former commissary of the German Government. It proves the murder of, not merely the execution of, this saintly woman. The closing scene took place at dawn on October 12th, 1915, at the National Rifle Range in Brussels, and Ambroise Got, the interpreter of the documents, tells us:—

Miss Edith Cavell was brought by the soldiers from a neighbouring house. Her eyes had been bandaged and her head covered with a black veil. Until this she had walked bravely, but now, when she realized that she was before the platoon of execution, her strength failed her. She swayed and fell about twenty yards from the wall against which she was to stand. The German officer in command of the firing approached Miss Cavell, stretched on the ground, drew from his belt his regulation wide-mouthed revolver, knelt down, and, taking steady aim, fired.

The Dowager Countess of St. Germans recently opened the new Nursing Home in Castle Street, Bridgwater. The home will not only be a memorial to Queen Victoria, but also to the late Hon. Mrs. Stanley, who always took a keen interest in nursing work in the county. The new premises will be known as the Mary Stanley Training Home and Bridgwater District Nursing Association.

We quote the following from the *Poor Law Officers' Journal*:—

Mr. Lyne, at the last meeting of the Kensington Board of Guardians, called attention to a statement in a journal for nurses that nurses at the Poor Law Infirmaries were being officially compelled by the Matrons to join the College of Nurses and pay a guinea fee each.

The Chairman (Mr. Rendel): Do you say that this is being done at our Infirmary?

Mr. Lyne: According to this journal it is being done at all the infirmaries. I ask for an inquiry to be made, because I was told by you at the last meeting of the Guardians that no undue pressure was brought to bear on any of the officials to join a particular association or union.

The Chairman: The proper course will be for you to give notice of motion on the subject so that it may be inquired into by the Institutions Committee.

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