

degrading press campaign made in its name by persons of wealth, lacking in sensibility.

Grounds for suspicion were furnished by a report which appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING recently, showing that the books of the "Nation's Fund for Nurses" had never been audited since the beginning of the organisation in 1917.

ACTRESS IGNORES PROFESSIONAL FEELING.

According to the *Calgary Daily Herald*—

Lady Martin Harvey refused to discuss in any way the recent controversy aroused here by her consenting to address a meeting in respect to the raising of funds for the benefit of nurses, without first consulting the wishes of the nurses in Calgary.

"I do not wish to start a controversy at all," Lady Harvey informed a representative of the *Herald* when interviewed on Monday morning. "My work needs no defence. Since 1914 I have worn uniform, and I am not demobilized yet. I never, during the war, permitted myself a single luxury of any kind, not even a new uniform. I have often gone to work hungry. I never had a fur garment. I never asked the public for anything that I would not give myself. It was because I had nothing that I was able to get so much from the public. I contracted a strained heart during the war and the Y.M.C.A. allowed me to use a car and that was only to get me into town on Saturday night to give an address."

FRANKED BY THE HON. SIR ARTHUR STANLEY.

To prove her *bona fides* in appealing for funds in Canada for the "neglected" nursing profession in Britain, Lady Harvey showed the press reporter the following letter from the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Joint Council of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, and of the College of Nursing, Ltd. The letter is dated December 14, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Martin Harvey,—Before you leave for Canada, I feel that I must write you one line of very sincere and grateful thanks of all that you have done for the "Nation's Fund for Nurses," and especially for the Bonchurch Home. You were one of the first to realise how neglected the nursing profession had been, and how great was their need of help, and the way in which you came to the rescue has earned you the deepest gratitude of the nurses and all those connected with the nursing profession. (Not this member.—Ed.)

Personally I can never thank you enough for all that you have done and are doing for the Red Cross as well as for the "Nation's Fund for Nurses." In these days when people are not unnaturally apathetic about all this kind of work, it is the greatest possible encouragement to find such colleagues and supporters as yourself and Mr. Martin Harvey.

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

What we want to know is: Who forms the Dominion Committee, who are the treasurer, bankers, and auditors of Lady Harvey's appeal? What money has she received? How has it been received?

The long delay in issuing a balance sheet and the very unsatisfactory sheet now it is issued of the "Nation's Fund for Nurses" makes it

imperative that the Canadian public should control the appeal for the Fund in Canada from the start. This was done in Ireland, and wisely so.

It will be noticed that not one word is said by Lady Harvey about the College of Nursing, Ltd., which so far has had the lion's share of the Fund collected in the name of the Nation's Nurses.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held on Monday, March 7th, at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. The President, Miss Hezlett, R.R.C., was in the chair.

The result of the ballot for the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was as follows:—

President.—Miss Carre, Ivanhoe, Dublin.

Vice-President.—Miss Thornton, R.R.C., Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

Hon. Secretary.—Miss Carson Rae, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Ex. Committee.—Mrs. Manning, Misses Reeves, Roberts, Hughes, Hezlett, Burkitt, Haire, Rhind, Huxley, O'Flynn, Rohde, Towers, Bradburne, McKinley, Haverty, Halbert, Deacon, Grene, Mills, Stanley.

The Secretary having resigned in October, 1920, it was agreed to carry on, for the present, with only an Hon. Secretary. Meetings are to be held quarterly, instead of monthly, on the first Mondays in March, June, September, and December, at 6 p.m. Much less business had been transacted during the year, but it is expected when the State Register is opened, that it will increase again, and nurses will find it invaluable, in cases of difficulty, to have an Association to help them. They should, therefore, all join and make a strong organisation. The annual subscription is only 3s.

REGISTRATION URGENTLY NEEDED.

Mrs. Primrose Violet Vidal, who figured largely in what is known as "the kissing doctor's libel action," in which the Judge (Mr. Justice Darling) anticipated evidence so disgusting that he directed two women jurors, who had been summoned, to withdraw, was asked by the counsel for the defendants, Mr. Lewis Thomas, K.C., "What was the object of sending that letter, with its disgusting details, to your husband?" To which she replied, "He has been in the medical world, and so have I. To either of us it would not be disgusting." In reply to the question of the Judge, "Are you a midwife?" she replied, "No, a nurse. Dr. Wilson trained me so that I should have two livings." The picture of this person appears in the daily Press nude down to the waist. Yet, how often have the anti-registrationists asserted in days gone by that the public were sufficiently protected because nurses are under the supervision of doctors!

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