

[COPY OF TELEGRAM.]

" Calgary, March 7th.

" Geo. F. Driscoll,

" His Majesty's Theatre, Montreal.

" Nurses' Association nothing whatever to do with British Red Cross or College of Nursing, both of which are represented by Lady Martin Harvey in her appeals. Any question as to integrity of accounts grave insult to British Red Cross, Sir Arthur Stanley, and most honoured names in England. For any Editor in Canada to print Miss Macdonald's letter would be to run serious risk. Nurses' Association already caused trouble in England as to Lady Martin Harvey's position in the matter. Please read following letter from Sir Arthur Stanley, December 14th, 1920. (This letter was published in this Journal on March 19th.) Name of Auditors for College of Nursing, Burton, Mayhew & Co., Treasurers, Comyns Berkeley, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Dame Sidney Brown, G.B.E., R.R.C., the Hon. Sir William Goshen, K.B.E., Treasurer for Lady Martin Harvey, Frank B. O'Neill, Oxon.

" (Signed) FRANK B. O'NEILL."

Canadian Nurses (also the Nation's Nurses at home) want to know why this appeal was kept secret by the College Council, and sprung upon them through a touring actress, thus ignoring their National Association of Nurses, whose professional status is thus depreciated in the estimation of the Canadian public. We note that Sir Arthur Stanley did not allude to this appeal in Canada when presiding over a joint meeting of the British Women's Hospital Committee, Nation's Fund for Nurses, and College of Nursing, Ltd., at the Automobile Club on the 18th ult. Neither did he point out that the Nation's Nurses in whose name the money is being raised only received £2,144 11s. 6d. out of £92,000, and that £4,214 were spent in advertising during the same period.

We do not know who Mr. Frank B. O'Neill may be, but his attempt to intimidate Canadian Editors by suggesting a policy of hush should inspire them to make further enquiries into the management of the Fund. We are glad to know our Canadian colleagues are at one with us in strongly objecting to being held up as objects of charity by Lady Harvey.

THE PASSING BELL.

The funeral of Mr. Henry Bonham-Carter took place last Saturday at Buriton, Hampshire, the family burying-place. The service was choral and floral tributes included tokens from the Nightingale Training School for Nurses, St. Thomas's Hospital.

Mr. Bonham-Carter, who was a first cousin of Miss Nightingale, was secretary of the Nightingale Fund for over half-a-century. He was a stout opponent to the movement for the State Registration of Nurses, when promoted thirty-three years ago by the British Nurses' Association; but he was a kindly man who had the interests of nurses at heart, as they appeared to him. The whole position of women has changed since those pre-historic days, and we are all registrationists in these progressive times.

THE NURSES' LEAGUE.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER INFIRMARY,
HENDON.

The Training School attached to the City of Westminster Infirmary, Hendon, will now cease to exist, owing to the building having been taken over by the Metropolitan Asylums Board, to be used as a Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

Owing to the fact that the Training School is closed, it has been decided, after much deliberation, to discontinue the Nurses' League, to the regret of all the members who have derived such pleasure from it. The farewell meeting took place at Hendon, on Saturday, March 19th, and a large gathering of nurses met and were entertained to a sumptuous tea.

Then a presentation was made to the President of the League, Miss Elma Smith, the retiring Matron, of a cheque in a pretty case; also a bouquet of flowers representing the colours of the League Badge. The beautiful Banner of the League was also presented to Miss Smith. There was an impressive moment in all the hearts of the Nurses in thus bidding farewell to their beloved Matron, Hospital and League.

The Hon. Secretary and Editor of the *League Journal*, Miss Schuller, was then presented with a very pretty gold expanding wristlet watch, from Matron and the Nurses, as a mark of their affection and gratitude for all the work she has so willingly done for ten years for the League and *Journal*. Miss Schuller was taken so completely by surprise that words failed her when she tried to say "Thank you."

Before parting the nurses joined in singing "For she's a jolly good fellow," when bidding good-bye to Miss Smith, and they fully determined to meet again at no distant date.

L. C. COOPER.

SOCIETY OF CHARTERED NURSES.

An action heard in the Chancery Division, on March 17th, closes a lengthy dispute in connection with the above Society. The Committee, in July, 1918, decided to wind up the Society on March 25th, 1919. It had a reserve fund of some £1,750 cash; and the members of the Society claimed that this should be divided amongst themselves, and should not be given by the Committee to any official of the Society or other person. After considerable friction, the Committee, in November, 1919, sought the decision of the Court of Chancery on this and other matters concerning the winding up of the Society, and for that purpose three members of the Society were made nominal defendants to the action. Mr. Justice Petersen at the trial decided that the funds of the Society were distributable among the nurses who were members of the Society at the closing of its work, in proportion to their length of membership. Under the constitution of the Society this decision seems to us to be eminently equitable. The one curious point as

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