

year's examination and Sister-Tutor's report of work; (3) a medal presented on result of final examinations and Matron's report; (4) a badge on completion of training and passing final examination.

At a largely attended meeting of members of the Alfred Hospital Nurses' League, Melbourne, held at that institution, it was decided with much enthusiasm to raise funds for a memorial to the late Mrs. Tredgold Strong, who was Matron of the first nurse-training school in Victoria, which was established at the Alfred Hospital. Miss Mann, Matron of the Alfred Hospital, presided. It was unanimously resolved that the memorial take the form of the furnishing of one or more of the sitting-rooms in the new Home for Nurses at the Alfred Hospital, and having an inscribed tablet. It was thought that by this means a link would be established between the past and present pupils.

How necessary that trained nurses should have legal status, which will secure to them respect when called upon to give evidence in courts of law becomes every day more apparent. Doctors and nurses are constantly subpoenaed, and life and death sometimes hang in the balance where their evidence is concerned. In the most horrible "Fatty" Arbuckle case (U.S.A.), in which the accused man is charged with the death of a young film actress—several doctors have been called, and Miss Halston, a nurse, was present at the post-mortem and gave fearless evidence.

With the issue of the first State Register in July next, for the first time in English Courts of Law the Registered Nurse's status will be assured.

A tragic occurrence took place this week at Trinity Nursing Home, Torquay.

Nurse Frances Lee, one of the staff, was ill and in charge of another nurse. In a paroxysm of pain this poor sufferer left her bed and jumped from a window. The nurse in charge endeavoured to save her patient and seized her clothing, but it failed to hold, and Nurse Lee fell upon a stone balcony below, receiving injuries from which she died in a few minutes.

### THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

A meeting of the Central Committee will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C. It is hoped every delegate of the affiliated Societies will make an effort to be present.

### MEMORIAL TO IRISH NURSES.

As we last week reported a memorial tablet to the Irish nurses who gave their lives during the Great War was unveiled on Sunday morning, November 6th, in Arbour Hill Garrison Church, Dublin, by General Sir C. F. N. Macready, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Ireland.

The officiating clergy were: Rev. C. A. Peacocke, C.B.E., Assistant Chaplain-General, Irish Command; Rev. F. F. S. Smithwick, Senior Chaplain to the Forces, Dublin District; Rev. C. S. Little, C.F.; and Rev. C. P. N. Rowband, C.F.

The tablet bears the following names:—

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

*Staff Nurse.*

Elsie Kelly Donaldson.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

*Matron.*

Martha Farley.

*Sisters.*

Mary Agnes Doherty.  
Margaret Elliffe.  
Margaret Hessie Johnston.  
Rosa McGibbon.

*Staff Nurses.*

Kathleen Bolger.  
Mary Danahar.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE (*contd.*)

Rachel Ferguson.

Emily Gray.

Moyra O'Brien.

Elizabeth Grace Stewart.

Mary Alice Walshe.

Elizabeth Wallace.

Elizabeth Harvey Watson.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

*Sister.*

Mary O'Gorman.

*Staff Nurses.*

Annie Cox.

Hilda Garlock.

The preacher, Rev. C. A. Peacocke, C.B.E., took for his text, "Keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people" (1st Chronicles xxix, 18). Those words, he said, came from a very interesting chapter in the life of King David. He was building his new city of Jerusalem, and wanted to build a temple for the worship of God, but when he was not allowed by God to do so, he collected materials—a wonderful store of precious stones and metals—to be used in the building. Then he had a service, at which he showed the people the collection, and to rouse them that they might learn to do something better than they had done before he used the words of the text.

They were met now, he went on, to unveil and dedicate a memorial to eighteen Irish nurses, and they learned the lesson of the devotion of those nurses, of what they dared, of what they accomplished, of what they endured, showing the highest qualities of womanhood. He often wondered when they took part in unveiling those memorials how many of them remembered the lessons they taught, and made them helpful to them.

He saw in the memorial a wonderful record of service, of character and fortitude, of the highest and best gifts that God gave to man and woman; and, surely, they ought to go away strengthened, helped and lifted up. They ought to see how

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