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EDITORIAL.

"A TENDER AND THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE."

We note with relief and thankfulness that so revered and broad-minded a parish priest as the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, has raised his voice in protest against the "Great Victory Ball" to be held at the Albert Hall on Armistice Night, and asks if it is too late to beg "that Victory Balls of magnificence, and their equivalents in thoughtless and ill-conceived Armistice commemorations at hotels and restaurants, should not be encouraged, at least while this generation retains the heart-aches of a tender and thankful remembrance."

This year a hospital is to be made the excuse for the Victory Ball. In 1919 trained nurses were made the ostensible object by the Nation's Fund for Nurses, in spite of the indignant protests of large numbers of nurses expressed through this JOURNAL at the unseemliness of a function which, by reason of the tragedy connected with it, came to be known as the "Billie Carleton Ball."

Mr. Sheppard's letter in *The Times* has met with wide support. We note, moreover, with pleasure, that the British Legion has always refused, and will continue to refuse, to organise a Ball for Armistice Night, and Mr. J. R. Griffin, its Assistant Secretary, writes in a contemporary: "If we rejoice let it be with reverence. If we celebrate, let it be to consecrate anew the memory of the men who offered their lives for our freedom."

THE INSTITUTION OF A NURSES' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AT GUY'S HOSPITAL.

Upon the recommendation of the Matron, the Court of Committees has approved of the institution of a Nurses' Representative Council in order to afford an opportunity of discussion between the Matron and the representatives of the Nursing Staff on questions affecting the well-being of the Nurses.

The Court has approved of the following regulations for the Nurses' Representative Council:—

REGULATIONS FOR A NURSES' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

1. Subject to the powers vested in the Governors of the Hospital under the Act of Incorporation, the Nurses' Representative Council shall be elected annually in November, and shall consist of:—

The Matron.

Three Representatives elected by Probationers who have been in training for a period of not more than one year.

Three Representatives elected by Probationers who have been in training for a period of one year but not more than two years.

Three Representatives elected by Probationers who have been in training for a period of two years but not more than three years.

Two Representatives elected by the Staff Nurses.

2. Every candidate for election as a representative shall be nominated in writing by not less than two nurses, and every such nomination shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Nurses' Representative Council at least seven days before the day appointed for the election.

3. The list of candidates will be posted in the Nurses' Home, and on the day of election the representatives of each year shall be appointed by ballot by the Nurses of that year.

4. The Nurses' Representative Council shall meet from time to time, not less often than every six months, in order to afford an opportunity of discussion between the Matron and the representatives of the Nursing Staff on questions affecting the well being of the Nurses.

5. Subjects for discussion shall be placed on the agenda paper, for circulation before each meeting, either by the Matron or by any other member of the Council. Matters of personal conduct or discipline shall not be discussed.

6. The Nurses' Representative Council shall be at liberty to make representations to the House Committee upon any matter of Hospital management in which the Nurses are concerned. Also to the Educational Council of the Nursing School upon matters affecting Curriculum and Examinations.

7. The Nurses' Representative Council shall elect from among its members a Secretary, who shall keep a proper record of its proceedings in a Minute Book provided for the purpose.

8. The Minute Book shall be in the custody of the Secretary.

The first Ballot for the election of Nurses' Representatives upon the Representative Council will be held on Monday, November 2nd. For the purpose of this first ballot the Senior Home Sister will act as Secretary.

The Probationers of each year will vote for their own Representatives on the Council, and will not have a vote in the election of Representatives of Nurses of other years.

The Nominations of candidates for election as Representatives of each class of Nurse must be transmitted in

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