

The scene described to us deserves to be appraised.

At 2 a.m. Edith Cavell was brought in a taxi cab from the prison of Saint-Gilles. The order was given to "fire." One of the firing squad *refused to obey the order*. He was at once shot. The order was repeated, *another refused to obey*. This man was led off the ground. The scene was too much for the strained nerves of the exhausted woman, she swooned. In this condition she was placed in the chair, and for the third time the cruel order was given. The aim was undoubtedly *intentional, she was not killed*, whereupon the commanding officer shot her at close range with his revolver.

This historic spot has now been transformed into a small garden, profusely planted with flowers and shrubs. We record with gratitude how our friends, the Belgians, have done honour to the memory of Edith Cavell. A joint statue to her memory and that of Madame Depage, stands in front of her Nursing Institution, and the name of the road in which it stands, has been changed to that of *Rue Edith Cavell*.

BEATRICE KENT.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Queen has consented to continue as Patron of the Women's Section of the British Empire Exhibition, which has been reconstituted, the Duchess of York has cabled from Africa accepting the Presidency, and Princess Mary is to be Vice-President. Lady Galway and Mrs. C. C. Grove, who last year were respectively Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Section, have been reappointed. The Section last year was responsible for the organisation of a large measure of hospitality for Dominion and Colonial visitors, which was greatly appreciated, and it is hoped that this year the Section will again be able to organise a number of important functions which Overseas visitors will be invited to attend. It will also assist in the enrolment of members for the Fellowship of the Exhibition and encourage the welfare of women in every way possible.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has again been invited to join the Committee, representing the National Council of Trained



BELGIAN SCHOOL FOR NURSES, UCCLE, BRUSSELS, SHOWING MONUMENT TO EDITH CAVELL AND MME. DEPAGE.

## THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Dr. McGregor Robertson, F.R.F.P.S., of Glasgow, which took place quite suddenly on March 17th. Dr. McGregor Robertson took a deep interest in nurses and nursing, the former he showed as President of the Scottish Nurses Association, and by the part he took in helping to place their Club on a sound basis, the latter by the great sacrifices he made to travel from Glasgow to attend meetings of the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses in London, a drain both upon his purse and his strength.

We last heard from him when we invited him to the "Register Dinner," and he wrote that a severe attack of influenza had left him shaken and exhausted, so that he was compelled for a time to save all his energy for his private professional work. He added: "I am sure you will not question the sincerity of my regret that I am physically unable to enjoy the honour of being your guest, and of reviving memories of struggle and comradeship."

He collapsed at the close of a meeting at which he had been taking the chair.

By the passing of this distinguished physician of great integrity, kindness and force of character, nurses have lost a true friend.

Nurses, of which she is President—and we hope members of the Nursing Profession from home and abroad will attend the Exhibition in large numbers, and avail themselves of coming in personal touch with the work of the Empire, which will be even more educational and inspiring this year than last—and that is saying much. To visit Wembley helps us to realise the marvellous pioneer spirit and devotion to duty, and genius for government of the British people.

The Duke of York will perform the opening ceremony at the British Empire Exhibition this year, and the King has intimated his intention of being present at the Empire Day Thanksgiving Service in the Stadium of the Exhibition on May 26th.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to be patroness of the Embroiderers' Guild, 74, Grosvenor Street.

The Upper House, Newfoundland, has unanimously passed the Bill granting the suffrage to women of twenty-five years and over. It seems likely also that France will shortly take the first step towards introducing Women's Suffrage. A Bill granting women the right to vote on the same terms as men in the Municipal elections has been accepted by the Chamber Committee on Universal Suffrage.

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