

*aid that we may valiantly defend the right as it is given to us to see it.*

*So now, peoples of the Empire, men and women in all quarters of the globe, I say to you: Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail.*

### THE CALL TO PRAYER

In response to the wish of the King, on Sunday, May 26th, the people were called to prayer and throughout the country they flocked to parish churches, chapels, mission halls, as well as to the great Cathedrals to pray "on behalf of the nation and Empire, of their Allies, and of the cause in which they are united." His Majesty, in the uniform as Chief of the Royal Air Force, and the Queen, occupied special chairs in Westminster Abbey, where the sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Ministers of the Crown, heads of the Services and Ambassadors, sat near them.

The Archbishop said:

"We have been called to take our place in a mighty conflict against the powers of evil.

"To hesitate to brand this force which has been let loose upon the world as essentially evil would be to scorn all those moral standards which have been slowly and painfully established by mankind to give security and honour to the common life.

"Yet let a light of quiet confidence break in upon the darkness. Here in this Abbey Church, the shrine of the nation's history, we are surrounded by memorials of other dangers and of the valiant men who overcame them. The centuries rebuke the fears and calm the anxieties of the hour."

### THE NEW ERA.

Since our last issue amongst momentous events the nation has awakened from years of complacency to a sense of Imperial duty.

A representative Government has been appointed, approved by His Majesty the King, and men of parts and daring have been included and placed in power and positions of responsibility, as they should have been years ago.

The Right Honourable Winston Churchill, M.P., has been unanimously approved as Prime Minister, and his policy of victory for justice, *whatever it may cost*, is approved, and has the support of the peoples of the whole British Empire, who are now at liberty to go forward with their Allies and secure it. And secure it they will.

The martyrdom of Holland and Belgium added to the enslavement of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland, Denmark and Norway, is the limit of German tyranny and crime. Retributive vengeance, nothing less, must cleanse Europe of this monstrous evil. If retributive justice elects that Germany shall cease to exist, let it be so. Let its confines be obliterated, and the habitations of the demons which lurk therein be swept from the earth. So once again God may reign in His Heaven.

### APPEAL FOR TRAINED NURSES

Service casualties from France and Belgium are being received in increasing numbers in Emergency Medical Service hospitals, which must also be prepared for air-raid casualties in this country.

The work of the nursing staff in these hospitals has been experimental and a much larger number of nurses is required in the immediate future. The Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland therefore appeal earnestly for all trained nurses who are *not already nursing in hospitals or engaged in public health work* or at first-aid posts to come forward at once. They are required for whole-time work in any hospital in Great Britain to which they may be sent. The rate of pay is £90 a year for trained nurses, £55 for assistant nurses, *plus* board, lodging and laundry (charge sisters have an extra allowance). Those who enrol now are guaranteed at least twelve months' employment.

Applicants in London should write, telephone or come in person with full particulars of their qualifications, age, earliest date of availability and part of country in which, if possible, they prefer to serve, to the Ministry of Health, Romney House, Marsham Street, London, S.W.1. Telephone: Abbey 2595. In other parts of England and Wales they should apply to the Medical Officer of Health of their County or County Borough, or if they prefer, to the Ministry at the address just given. Applicants in Scotland should apply to the Civil Nursing Reserve, 40, Melville Street, Edinburgh, 3.

Those who have already joined the Reserve but have not hitherto been able to offer whole-time service wherever they are sent, are asked to reconsider their decision and let their Medical Officer of Health, or in Scotland, the Civil Nursing Reserve, register them for this form of service now.

### A NATIONAL DUTY

Nothing is of equal importance to the Nursing Profession at this time of stress than that the men who are fighting for our country and our freedom under great strain, and with devotion to the death, should be nursed when stricken with the utmost skill and devotion. Every trained nurse who can offer this invaluable service should hasten to do so, irrespective of her own personal interest. There are still private nurses "waiting for cases" which do not materialise—it is to be hoped they will answer the urgent appeals for trained nurses both in England and Scotland without further delay.

### HOARDING OF OXYGEN AND NITROUS OXIDE CYLINDERS

The Ministry of Health and the Department of Health for Scotland wish to remind hospitals, private individuals, and industrial concerns that it is contrary to the national interest for them to hoard oxygen and nitrous oxide cylinders, whether filled or empty.

There now appears to be a renewed tendency to hold undue supplies.

The adequacy of the existing supplies can only be ensured if cylinders are not held in excess of actual requirements and if they are kept in constant circulation. Empty cylinders should be returned with the minimum of delay to the suppliers by whom they were issued.

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