

"Therefore to-night I give you a message of good cheer. You deserve it, and the facts endorse it.

"But be it good cheer, or be it bad cheer, will make no difference to us. We shall drive on to the end and do our duty, win or die.

"God helping us, we can do no other."

Who Guided Them ?

The "reprisal" raids by Germany, veritably Anti-Christ, upon our Cathedral cities Exeter, Norwich and York, were direct. Who guided their bombers so swiftly and surely? With thousands of Germans and other alien enemies at liberty in our midst in the circumscribed space of this little island, who can tell? We are glad to learn that there is growing anger amongst the poor, who suffer the most, that although they "can take it," they would prefer "to give" as well as take.

Precautions against Typhus Fever.

We have heard very little of the great mortality of German soldiers and nationals from typhus fever; and in reply to questions in our House of Commons on its prevention amongst our troops, Sir E. Grigg said recently that special measures had been taken to protect our troops in the Middle East against the possibility of an extension of the typhus epidemic outside Europe. The measures already taken included arrangements for the supply of vaccine and the setting up of additional laboratories for diagnostic purposes in the Middle East.

An Offence to Patriots.

We residents in Kensington may congratulate ourselves that we are no longer subjected to association with Japanese nationals in our beautiful Gardens—but the *Sunday Express* and other newspapers have made public the fact that people who help to run a club and canteen for the Forces in the crypt of Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, resent the Japanese diplomatic staff, who are still in London, being allowed to use the tennis courts in the Church grounds. The wife of a British General has had the courage to raise objections, having in memory no doubt the horrors of Hong Kong and Singapore. But the Rev. Bryan Green, vicar of Holy Trinity, who is chairman of the canteen council and of the tennis courts committee, sees no objection to the proposal. . . . "I think," he is reported to have said, "the complaints about it are disgraceful. They come from one or two women who ought to know better, and who have no jurisdiction in the matter." One woman, communicating with the vicar on this expression of opinion, wrote:—

"Permit me to impress upon you that every decent and patriotic woman is in duty bound to realise her jurisdiction when her sex is violated by criminals of alien enemy race, and we call upon you to prevent further violation of the feelings of decent people, and to at once remove the cause of their justifiable indignation."

So far, we have no news of the dear young military Sisters who disappeared upon invasion of Hong Kong by the Japanese.

A Tribute to the Gallantry of Plymouth.

After the resplendent silver-gilt globe cup which had belonged to Sir Francis Drake had fetched £2,100 at Christie's the announcement was made that the National Art Collections Fund agent, Mr. Martin Norton, had bought the famous relic for presentation to the Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery.

It was felt that this gift would not only be a worthy tribute to the gallantry and fortitude of Plymouth citizens, but would be in consonance with the cup's happy origin.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on April 24th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Health extending the term of office, by the period of one year, of the elected members of Council; their term of office to expire in December, 1943. The term of office of nominated members to the Council will expire at the end of the period for which they were appointed.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £620 for weekly salaries and £15 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:— General Register, by reciprocity, 1; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 15, by reciprocity, 2. Total 19.

It was agreed that 93 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was reported that a copy of the Register of Nurses has been received from the Nurses' Registration Board for the Territory for the Seat of Government, Canberra, Australia.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

The schemes of affiliation between Bingley Hospital and Keighley and District Victoria Hospital; and between Beckenham Hospital and St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, be provisionally approved for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, and the Middlesex Hospital, London, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The scheme of affiliation between the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, and the King George Hospital Ilford, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted for training under the scheme, and that the name of the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases be removed from the list of approved training schools;

St. Helier County Hospital, Carshalton, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for General Nurses from the date of the appointment of the Sister Tutor, for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less. St. Helier County Hospital is a new institution.

It was agreed that the Diploma of the Liverpool Physical Training College be accepted as a qualification for teachers in Pre-Nursing Courses, under the same conditions as are applied in the case of the Diplomas of the Physical Training Colleges already approved under Circular 1568.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

The application of Miss Doris Eddy Jackson for restoration of her name to the Register was considered.

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