

and Mr. W. C. MacGregor, K.C. (Wellington), Miss Ethel A. Kidd and Mr. Oliver Nicholson (Auckland), Miss J. L. Beck and Dr. L. S. Manning (Canterbury), Dr. James Young (Invercargill), Miss Holford, Miss Lancaster, Messrs. James Begg, C. W. Rattray, and C. R. Smith (Otago); Trustees, Dr. H. Lindo Ferguson and Mr. C. W. Chamberlain; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. W. T. Monkman and D. Crawford (Dunedin); Hon. Secretary, Miss Helen Williams (Dunedin);

and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. W. Chamberlain (Dunedin).

Mr. C. W. Rattray drew attention to the valuable work done by Dr. Young, of Wellington, and it was resolved to record appreciation of his services and to thank him.

Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. Crawford and Monkman (auditors), Miss Williams (secretary), and the Mayor for the use of the Council Chambers.

—“Otago Daily Times.”

### Homage to Nurse Cavell

It is pleasing to read in the accounts of the recent visit of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary to the battlefields and cemeteries in Belgium and France that a tribute was paid to the nurse heroine Edith Cavell. We read as follows:—

When the King and Queen went to Tir National (rifle butts) with a memorial wreath, they stood on the spot where the German firing party had stood when they shot Nurse Cavell. Around the simple memorial granite slab, with the names of thirty-five patriots carved in indelible letters of gold, is a small chained enclosure with four marks of the legs of the chair on which Miss Cavell, rendered too weak by her incarceration to stand, sat before the German firing party.

The Royal tribute was of red roses and arum lilies, with palm leaves on a base of laurel, entwined with the British, Belgian and French colours. It was reverently placed in position, the King holding the British and Queen Mary the Belgian ribbons. Around this small national memorial, it was noted, was a narrow bed of flowers with a profusion of forget-me-nots among them. Madame Willame, one of Nurse Cavell's assistants, who herself was imprisoned, presented to the King and Queen medals commemorating Nurse Cavell and Marie Depage. The latter, who was lost in the Lusitania, was the wife of Surgeon-General Depage, head of the Belgian Army Medical Service, and he attended the ceremony.

### Review

We have received “A Short History of Nursing” from the earliest times to the present day, by Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., and Isabel M. Stewart, A.M., R.N., and have read it with interest.

In “Kai Tiaki” April, 1921, we published a full review of the book from “The British Journal of Nursing,” so will not make any further note, except to advise those who can read its fore-runner, the fourth volume of which was published in 1912, to do so, if they wish

to realise fully the history of the nursing profession. The present volume is very interesting, well and lucidly written, and adds later details to the development of the work of nurses and the part they took during the war.

A mistake is made in attributing State Registration of Nurses or Midwives and the establishment of State Maternity Hospitals to the efforts of the Plunket Society. These things were accomplished long before.