

The Massage Scandal.

THE "massage scandal" which is perfectly well understood in this city, is, we are pleased to find, being watched, and dealt with by the police; and the "Sisters" and "Nurses" who advertise their questionable establishments by the means of sandwich men, are attracting justifiable suspicion. These miserable frauds are usually women of the street, farmed out by male bullies of the usual degraded type, and it is these rogues who must be caught and made to pay the penalty of their crime—one Wilson, we hope, will meet with his deserts—low diet and the cat.

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THE newspapers are not altogether blameless in advertising these establishments, and the Berlin correspondent of the *Lancet* points out that much the same condition of affairs pertains in the German capital. He says: 'The campaign of the *Lancet* against immoral advertisements of quacks has drawn attention to the existence of similar evils in the German newspapers. Advertisements like that taken from the *Londoner General-Anzeiger*, and quoted in the *Lancet* of March 25th, are rather frequent in many of the Berlin and provincial periodicals, the authors of these offers being for the most part midwives whose licenses have been withdrawn in consequence of their having procured abortion or committed other misdemeanours. Another class of advertisements highly immoral in character has become very frequent of late, and ought to receive attention from the authorities. These are the advertisements of the "Masseuses," for there is little doubt that the great majority of women who describe themselves as "Masseuses" in the ordinary newspapers are neither more nor less than prostitutes. The tone of these advertisements is often sufficiently clear to exclude any doubt in this matter as will appear from the following extracts taken from various advertisements in the leading Berlin periodicals: "Young Masseuse," "Masseuse Parisienne," "Turkish Method," "Chinese Method," "Massage for gentlemen alone."

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THE license which has been permitted in the past to these infamous houses has had the effect in England of preventing many decent women perfecting themselves in the art of massage, or practising it to any great extent. This is to be much regretted, as the treatment of massage when skilfully applied, is of the very greatest value as a therapeutic agent, but the term "massage" is one of such evil repute at present in public estimation that well-trained and reputable nurses hesitate to own to any knowledge of it. So completely has the word been utilized for disreputable purposes.

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WE are pleased to report that Miss Catherine Bull, late of Athens, has received the Commemorative Medal of the Red Cross, and Diploma from the Queen of the Hellenes. Miss Bull's name did not appear in the list published last week, as her medal was not sent to England for distribution from the British Red Cross Office. Those English nurses who worked with Miss Bull will be pleased to hear, however, that she is amongst the recipients of the honour, as she worked with devotion right through the Græco-Turkish War.

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MISS BULL acted as interpreter by the request of the Crown Princess of Greece to the first batch of Sisters sent to Larissa, she afterwards accompanied the Princess Soutzo and four English Sisters to Arta and Karavassara as a volunteer, giving her services where some of the greatest hardships were endured. From Karavassara Miss Bull came with the wounded, under the charge of Dr. Zaimis, to Patras, where we had the pleasure of seeing her, when we visited this hospital, and where everything was so charmingly arranged.

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LATER on Miss Bull remained with Sister Isabel Carter at the Piræus for several months, helping to nurse our "blue jackets" through the epidemic of typhoid fever, so that her services have well deserved the honourable recognition they have received.

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AN important petition was presented on Tuesday by the Bishop of London to Convocation, signed by a number of medical men, concerning the administration of the Holy Communion to the sick. The petitioners expressed the strong conviction that there were many cases in which "the office of the Holy Communion for the sick" provided in the Prayer-book was too long, and its use even dangerous to the sick person. They were of opinion that the custom of taking the Holy Communion to the sick ought to be specially permitted as in former times.

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THIS petition is of special interest to nurses, particularly to those who are anxious that those

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