

he might have killed himself or anybody else without realising what he was doing. Fortunately he never turned against his wife's assuming the responsibility of the nurse.

After lunch the patient took a short rest and was again massaged. Then another drive and tea. Massage and brandy-rubbing again during the evening.

Then came the change into the country, and slowly—very slowly—the patient began to recover. He still got back to his old bad times; but they were gradually further and further apart, and after two and-a-half years severance from his profession, of any thought of it being allowed, he has resumed his old work. His physique is better than it has ever been, he can take up all business details of his work, and is a complete cure—thanks to the untiring exertions and clever help of a good doctor—to say nothing of the wisdom of a man marrying a trained nurse.

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Progress of State Registration.

In response to our appeal for special donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister we have received the welcome sum of £2 12s., made up of sums of two shillings, one shilling, and sixpence, from the following nurses connected with the Victoria Nurses' Home in Bournemouth, for which we are most grateful:—

Nurses McDonald, Allen, L. Carter, Coughlan, B. Hoad, H. Hoad, E. Edney, Eva Edney, Moorhouse, Geraldine, Jeffreys, R. Carter, Scott-Davis, E. Walker, Barry, Tannar, Hardy, Parkes, Drewett, Pond, Walsh, Knox, Frith, Sunderland, Edwards, Paterson, McVean, Clague, Childs, Robinson, Ferguson, Price, Theophilus, Tanant, Griffiths, Tucker, Doughty, Van Santen, Comyn, Bacon, Whitford, Radford, Rogers, Loden, Shannon, Armstrong, McKinley, Douglas, Hogarth, Miss Walker, Miss Loyd.

Everyone who has to do with the organisation of such petitions knows that the expense is considerable, and we think that there are few nurses interested in the question of State Registration who could not spare a shilling or a sixpence to help in this good work. Such sums are very useful, as every shilling means that 24 petitions can be sent out, so we hope that many will follow the good example set by the above nurses in the course of the next few weeks. "Many a mickle makes a muckle." Moreover, as the Central Hospital Council for London has by its Constitution taken power to use hospital funds to finance its anti-registration campaign, it behoves us to put our shoulders to the wheel.

The New Quarters of the Military Nursing Service.

With the opening of the new War Office the Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, with the office Staff takes up her quarters in the fine new building in Whitehall, where the Secretary of State of War, and all the heads of departments will henceforth have their offices under the same roof.

Entering by the main door one finds one's self in a handsome hall paved with highly polished black and white marble, and a fine marble staircase, branching off on either side, leads to the first floor, where are the official quarters of the Secretary of State for War, overlooking Whitehall, and of Sir Edward Ward, who has a more peaceful position at the back. These and some of the other rooms, especially those originally intended for the Commander-in-Chief, whose office has since been abolished, are very fine, having carved oak panelling and beautiful old Adams' mantelpieces, the latter brought from the old War Office.

All the departments are connected with one another and with the outside world by telephone, and altogether the arrangements seem made with a view to efficiency, and surely to economy also, for the fiat went forth that the old carpets from the present War Office were as our American cousins say, to be "made over" for the new building.

They are a speaking testimony to the desire of the department for economy, but we rather think that a good housewife would have advised that economy does not lie in the direction of refitting threadbare carpets.

The quarters of the Matron in Chief's Department are near those of the officials of the Medical Department. They are on the third floor, and overlook the quadrangle where stands the statue of Lord Herbert of Lea, memorable in that he gave Miss Florence Nightingale a free hand to bring order out of chaos in the hospitals of the Crimea.

We come first to a large room which is to be used for meetings of the Advisory and Nursing Boards, then a waiting-room, and then the office of the Matron-in-Chief, the walls of which are of a soft shade of green. Then there is a large room with two windows which will be the office of the Principal Matron, and the Secretary of the Matron-in-Chief, and on the floor above is accommodation for the clerks of the department. Thus the Nursing Department is now, as it should be, an integral part of the War Office organisation.

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