

of a nurse kneeling to minister to a wounded soldier on the field of battle. She has raised his head, which she supports with her left arm. With her right hand she raises a cup of water to his lips. The sculptor is Mr. Bela L. Pratt, of Boston. The memorial is the gift of the Daughters of Veterans and the Association of Army Nurses. The cost was about fifteen thousand dollars.

The Nova Scotia Graduate Nurses' Association, of which Miss Pemberton is President, is doing good work in organizing Post Graduate Courses for Nurses, certified from hospitals of not less than 50 beds. These include a four months' course in obstetrics, with lectures and practical instruction; a three months' course in a children's hospital of 24 cots, and a five months' course in emergency nursing in a surgical mining hospital. Board and laundry are provided, and a salary of 145 dollars per annum, not inclusive of travelling expenses. Certificates are granted on passing the examination of the Board. Further information, and application forms, may be obtained from the Registrar of the Association, Restholm, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A ballot is being taken among members of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association in Queensland and New South Wales on the question of increased salaries. The proposal is that private nurses' weekly fees shall be increased from two guineas to three guineas, owing to the increased cost of living.

It is high time that this change should be made in Australia. Nurses get £3 3s. in New Zealand, £5 5s. in Canada, and £5 5s. and upwards in the United States. Moreover, nurses in Australia have, as they have in Canada, to put in a great amount of hard domestic work, which is very highly paid when performed by lady helps.

#### WELCOME HELP.

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## NURSING HOMES AND THE DISORDERLY HOUSES ACT.

### PETITION FROM MATRONS OF NURSING HOMES.

As we reported last week, the action of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the London County Council in proposing to substitute the Metropolitan Borough Councils for the London County Council as the authority to register and inspect Nursing Homes, under the Disorderly Houses Act was very detrimental to the status of such Homes, and as reported in another column, the National Council of Trained Nurses moved to prevent it, and has fortunately been partly instrumental in so doing.

The question was debated in the House of Commons on Friday, 13th, and again on Monday, on the consideration of the L.C.C. General Powers Bill. The following instruction, moved by Mr. Boyton (C., E. Marylebone) and amended at the suggestion of the Chairman of Ways and Means, was discussed:—

"That it be an instruction to the Committee on the Bill to amend Part V., if they think fit, so as to provide that the Metropolitan Borough Councils shall be the authorities to register premises in the County of London used for the reception or treatment of persons requiring nursing or massage, manicure, chiropody, light or other baths, or other similar treatment, and to administer the provisions of the Bill relating thereto, and of the by-laws made thereunder, in substitution for the London County Council."

On a division the instruction was defeated by 212 to 110.

Thus by a majority of 102, Part V. of the Bill leaves the London County Council as the supervising authority, and presumably no further attempt will be made to deal with Nursing Homes under the Disorderly Houses Act.

At the meeting of the London County Council on Tuesday, the Petition was presented from the nurses and Superintendents of Nursing Homes in Marylebone, protesting against the proposal of the Council to hand over to the borough councils the administration of any powers obtained for the control of nursing homes and massage establishments. The debate on the Parliamentary Committee's report embodying this change of attitude on the part of the L.C.C. was not continued, as the action of Parliament (reported above) placed the matter beyond dispute.

The prompt action of the National Council of Trained Nurses which empowered Mrs. Stabb to take action in the matter, proves the use of co-operation amongst nurses. Mrs. Stabb working with only a few hours at her disposal, was able to secure 43 signatures to the Petition, and might have obtained many more had there been time! Once more a danger to the profession has been averted. From whence will come the next bolt from the blue? Any way let us be ready for it.

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