

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

During their stay at Aldershot, the King and Queen last Saturday visited the Waverley Abbey Auxiliary Military Hospital, Farnham (Mrs. R. D. Anderson).

Sir Arthur Pearson writes from St. Dunstan's that eight of the men who have lost their sight in the War have recently passed the last of the stiff examinations which enable them to be described as fully qualified and expert masseurs.

These men—though none of them had received any past education of service to them—have acquired a good knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathology, and have also equipped themselves with the manipulative dexterity needed by the skilled masseur. For this latter essential a great meed of thanks is due to the authorities of the Middlesex and Hampstead Hospitals, who have readily given our men every facility for learning their difficult art, and who have assisted them in every possible manner.

Their training has in its initial stages been conducted at St. Dunstan's, and later at the perfectly equipped massage department of the National Institute for the Blind. Six of the eight have been given situations at military hospitals, where they receive salaries of two guineas a week—a very satisfactory wage for those who were apparently hopelessly handicapped so short a time ago. The other two, a New Zealander and a Canadian, are returning to their own homes, there to lead the way in showing how admirably fitted an occupation for the blind is massage. Sir Arthur believes that the thirty men who are now in course of training will all, as their turn comes, prove themselves just as thorough masters of the art of massage. One of the blinded officers passed his examinations in massage some time ago, and is now engaged in acquiring a thorough knowledge of Swedish remedial exercises.

Danish physicians state that several of the British and German sailors who took part in the naval battle, and whose corpses have been washed ashore off the Scandinavian coast, could have been saved if they had been picked up twenty-four hours before.

The Norwegian paper *Morgenbladet* makes the proposal that the Scandinavian Government should open up negotiations with the British and German Governments in order to adopt measures for the saving of sailors shipwrecked in future naval battles. The paper suggests that warships, with physicians and nurses on board, be stationed at Christiansand, Gothenburg, and Frederikshaven in readiness to patrol the North Sea at the conclusion of a naval engagement.

If such stations had been established before the North Sea battle hundreds of sailors might have been saved.

The ladies of the Soldiers' Comforts' Committee of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club have undertaken to pay the expenses of the Soldiers'

and Sailors' Free Buffet at Victoria Station for one day a month, to be called "Canada Day."

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

By kind permission of the British Medical Association a meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses will be held in the Council Chamber at 429, Strand, on Thursday, July 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

A Report will be received from the representatives of the Committee appointed to confer with the representatives of the College of Nursing, Ltd., on the Nurses' Registration Bill, and the Bill will be further considered. The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College of Nursing will also be considered, as if an agreed Bill is accepted it will be necessary that certain alterations should be made to bring the Constitution of the College into accord with the proposed draft Bill. We are informed such alterations are under consideration.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Nursing College, Ltd., may be obtained from the printers, Eyre & Spottiswoode, Ltd., East Harding Street, London, E.C., price 1s. net, by post 1s. 1½d. We advise trained nurses interested in the organization of their own profession to obtain copies and study the constitution of the Company, so that if they desire any alteration they may be qualified to offer an intelligent opinion on the provisions.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Trained nurses holding three years' certificates of training should join the Society for the State Registration of Nurses without delay, as the opinion of the most highly qualified members of the profession should be available in a corporate capacity on proposed legislation. If a Nurses' Registration Bill is in the near future agreed upon by the promoters of Nursing legislation, the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and the College of Nursing, Ltd., which has now drafted a Bill, it is the duty of every trained and certificated nurse to read and understand the effect of each clause in an agreed measure, before it is introduced into Parliament. With this end in view Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and others will attend at the office of the Society for State Registration, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., to explain the proposed legislation to trained nurses. Should agreement not be effected, Mrs. Fenwick will explain upon what fundamental principles the promoters of the two Bills differ. Apply to the Hon. Secretary, Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., for membership forms.

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