

will wish to continue the useful work of nursing, though the experience they may have picked up will not be on the scientific lines of a great training hospital."

As the Nurse Training Schools demand three and four years' training and work from their probationers before certification, why should not these arduous workers and highly skilled professional women be protected by registration from competition with those who get merely a smattering of nursing knowledge and experience? It is unfortunate that the protagonists of the College of Nursing constantly advocate the "recognition" (presumably by registration) of War Nurses and V.A.D.s. Nothing could be more unjust to the efficiently trained nurse, and the fact that the "anti-registration" party are really running the

Verdun, and asked in what manner they could give practical assistance to their gallant allies. The French Government replied that they were in need of War Nurses—and so the unit of Australian Nurses was sent.

The Australian military authorities have decided to recognise the work that women have done during the war in the capacity of nurses. The nurses have to face hardships as well as the men in the trenches; they, too, have left the comfort and safety of their homes, and in many cases have displayed bravery only equalled by the best of the men in the fighting ranks. The authorities have decided that nurses who have been discharged shall be permitted to wear the official discharged soldier's badge, to prove that they were worthy followers of Florence Nightingale.



UNIT OF AUSTRALIAN NURSES FOR SERVICE IN FRENCH MILITARY HOSPITALS.

College, the type of registration of which they approve, is not, many fear, the genuine article.

The unit of twenty Australian nurses sent as a gift for war service with the French Army from New South Wales, left for France last week. We hope they will all be fitted in where their skill will be really useful; but, as they will find conditions very different to those to which they have been accustomed, they must not be "down-hearted" if they find the work less exciting than they expected. In the picture on this page they appear a very happy group, taken on board the steamer just before crossing from England.

The story goes that the New South Wales Government recently expressed their great appreciation to France of their glorious defence of

The Rev. R. J. Campbell (late of the City Temple) was the preacher at St. Paul's Church, Birkenhead, on the 28th ult., when an offertory was taken in aid of the "Edith Cavell" Memorial Ward in the Borough Hospital. All parts of the church were well filled, the congregation including a number of nurses off duty.

The preacher proceeded to demonstrate that the German Huns who murdered Edith Cavell and had both outraged and butchered many defenceless women and children, could never shatter, either by siege guns, torpedoes, or Zeppelins, the defences of the Heavenly King. The spiritual part of men and women was invulnerable. Civilisation had made the mistake of concentrating attention upon the accumulation of material things and neglected the true vision vouchsafed to Christian nations.

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