

"The names of those who have died in King George's Hospital are inscribed in a parchment roll placed with the Church's records. The names of those who are parishioners of St. John's are inscribed in the three remaining panels of this memorial."

Last week a large chaplet of laurel leaves lay at the base tied with broad purple ribbons, on which was inscribed "Pro Patria" in gold letters.

No more fitting memorial could have been chosen than the majestic Figure which looks down over the crowded thoroughfare, reminding the passers by that in Him are summed up all Honour and Glory, and the breadth and length and depth and height of human suffering, and that "nothing but the Infinite Pity is deep enough for the infinite pathos of human life."

Writing a month ago from Petrograd, a nurse says "we were all hoping last week to return to England, but things are again settling down, although we don't expect anything to last very long. The Bolsheviks so far have had it all their own way, and Petrograd is in a very bad way; but it is again safe to go out. So far we have plenty of food, but it is going to be difficult to get it, and we were rather afraid we were going to be starved last week, as the man who buys all our food was arrested, and we did not know whether he would be shot or not; he was in prison a week. Two of our women sanatars were also arrested. They were arresting and killing all the women soldiers, for some days things were in a fearful state, but for the moment we are fairly quiet; but, naturally, the British Embassy would rather we were not here, as it is we are not likely to get more wounded in our hospital, as there is now no fighting on the Russian front, and the wounded in the Bolshevikic fighting were taken into Russian hospitals. We only got three killed. But, oh, the Cadets! It's very terrible! Only about 28 left out of 600, poor boys! Russia is a sad, sad country to-day, but I would not have missed living through these times for anything."



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A Staff Nurse in the Australian Army Nursing Service, writing in the *British Australian*, asserts that during the last six or eight months there has been a great deal of dissatisfaction among the Staff Nurses belonging to the Australian Army Nursing Service owing to so much distinction being made between Sister and Staff Nurse. She points out that they have all received the same training, and hold the same certificates, and in many cases the Staff Nurse has had years' more experience than the Sister with the two stars. Patients in the same wards are, she says, constantly asking if the Staff Nurses have the same qualifications as the Sister, and if so, why there should be such a difference in rank. Frequently a Staff Nurse has to take complete charge of a ward for months at a time, and at other times shares equally the responsibility for the nursing and the work in the ward.

A number of Sisters received their two stars just prior to leaving Australia without having done any service. Then promotion was granted to 90 Staff Nurses after 11 months' active service. Then followed more promotion to a small percentage of Staff Nurses who had been out two years. Now, though there are several hundreds of Staff Nurses who have been on active service from two to two and a-half years, it is understood that there are to be no more promotions.

The writer of the letter says that the aggrieved nurses only ask for fair play,

namely, that all shall hold the same rank and receive the same rate of pay, allowing the senior to take charge of the ward. This she believes to be the Canadian system, and hears that it works satisfactorily.

We understand that the Australian authorities were desirous that promotion should be given to those nurses who had had experience of active service, and that the members of the new contingent should take the places of those promoted, but the War Office preferred that the unit should be self-contained.

The point that all members of the Military Nursing Service should rank as Sisters (Senior and Junior) was emphasised by the Matrons'

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