

Snowy River, and their boat consisted of a pumpkin!"

Dr. Reuben Petersen, President of the Michigan Board of Registration of Nurses, contributes a most admirable article to the Nursing Department of *The Modern Hospital*, conducted by Miss Annie Goodrich, R.N., in which he proves how futile it is to attempt to relieve shortage of nurses by lowering standards of education or training—a suicidal policy so far as the nursing profession is concerned. The only way is to improve the training school.

Are we all doing all we can, now that the war is over, for those who have suffered mutilation in our service? We just wonder. There are so many things, not generally thought of, that might help. *The Come Back*, issued at an American hospital, says artificial legs are no handicap on the ballroom floor, in announcing the new dancing class opened in the gymnasium under the direction of the Red Cross. There is a "step class," or elementary class, where the beginning steps and the proper postures in dancing are taught, an assembly class for general dancing, and, besides a special class for men with artificial legs. It is claimed that, with a little training, they can learn to move about a ballroom with as much ease and grace as anybody else.

We note that Club women are making arrangements to dig themselves into several splendid mansions around the West End. We do hope they are going to collectively give something practical towards the happiness of those by whose sacrifice they are able to enjoy club life in peace and safety. Why not make a point of contributing something to the entertainment of the heroic artificial limb brigade now that they have given us a victorious Peace?

#### A TRAGIC EVENT.

The true sympathy of many nurses will go out to Captain Elliott, M.P. for Lanark, on the tragic death of his bride, who was killed by a fall climbing in the Coolin range in Skye, where they were spending their honeymoon. Captain Elliott, in a maiden speech in the House of Commons, paid a warm tribute of admiration to the members of the nursing profession, and later in the Session he interested himself in the Nurses Registration question, placing an amendment on the paper to include the "Association for the Promotion of Registration of Nurses in Scotland" in the Central Committee's Bill—from which it had dissociated itself in favour of the College Bill—an amendment agreed to by Captain Barnett.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

The Italian Nurses National Association, under the patronage of her Majesty, Queen Elena, has now been well founded, and issues its own Bulletin in which appear articles of interest to nurses, news and notices. The remarks which appeared in this Journal welcoming the National Organisation of Italian Nurses, met with the approval of the Editor, and translated appear in the August issue. We also gather that the Italian nurses are fully alive to the benefit of International relations with their colleagues, and that they aspire to become part of the great International Council of Nurses, and act as hostess in beautiful Italy by and by. It is just the one land in which the world's nurses would love to meet. So let us prepare ourselves for this treat in the near future.

## NURSING AFTER THE WAR.

### MILITARY NURSES WAR MEMORIAL.

We are informed by Miss A. Beadsmore Smith, Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S., in reply to inquiries, that the Committee for the proposed Memorial to Nurses who fell in the War, is comprised of representatives of all ranks of the Queen Alexandra's and the Territorial Force Nursing Services. No doubt the names will be published at an early date; publicity inspires confidence.

The Matron-in-Chief adds, "As so many who might wish to subscribe have already been demobilised, it was considered the best way of making the subject known to those members was through the Press. It is not possible to state what form the Memorial will take till it is more nearly known the amount likely to be subscribed. There appears to be a general wish for some permanent Memorial containing all the names of those who lost their lives during the war."

We thank Miss Beadsmore Smith for her courteous reply—a nice, refreshing change after the bureaucratic war tone considered permissible at the War Office of recent years when addressing "You people outside!"—in other words, the unfortunate tax-payer!

### BRITISH WAR MEDAL RIBAND.

Demobilised members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. should apply to the Secretary, War Office (A.M.D. 4), Cornwall House, Stamford Street, Waterloo, S.W. 1; demobilised members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service to the Secretary, War Office (T.V. 4), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1.

### THE ALLIED VICTORY MEDAL.

We are receiving numerous enquiries from British Nurses who have worked in France during the war, wishing to know if they are eligible for the Allied Victory Medal.

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