

were several offers to accept V.A.D. nurses at general and cottage hospitals in the county with a view to their gaining experience. Lady Malmesbury appealed for united effort in the work, and said that the Union of the Red Cross Society with the Order of St. John was already an established fact in the county, and they were working splendidly together.

Mr. Murray Williams, who outlined the scheme, said, with regard to the training of V.A.D. nurses that Portsmouth was particularly well placed for V.A.D. experience. The possibilities were endless, and he regarded the V.A.D. as the most important work of the organisation.

Dr. Lyte, who is Chairman of the Portsmouth Volunteer Ambulance, said that society was whole-heartedly with the movement, and although they were going to preserve their identity they intended to do all they could for the Red Cross.

With certified midwives on the one hand, and V.A.D.'s on the other, assuming the responsible duties of the skilled nurse—both classes controlled by the laity—and subsidised either by the rates or charitable appeals, it is no wonder that the genuine, well-trained district nurse is no longer keen to compete in a field of nursing where professional skill is so seriously depreciated by social snobbery as it is in the provinces, and especially at Portsmouth. It is high time a fully equipped "Queen's Nurse" was to be found at Madame Tussaud's or South Kensington—she will soon be an extinct species!

Let us hope the General Nursing Council will do something to avert the district nursing *debacle*.

The Executive Committee of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association have invited friends to an At Home at the new Home, 117, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, on Thursday, the 18th of November, from 3 to 6 p.m. We have not yet seen the charming new abode of the Nursing Association, but hear it provides an environment calculated to keep busy district nurses in touch with home—and what woman is happy without one?

The late Lady Brynmor Jones left her nurse, Miss Lucy Norris, £25.

Nurses of the Guildford District Nursing Association having threatened to resign unless adequate housing accommodation was provided

for them, the Town Council has agreed to let them have the use of two houses formerly used as a school clinic.

We do not like to hear of Nurse strikes, but we learn drastic action had to be taken to get a move on. Dustmen, yes; but Nurse Griseldas can wait! Apparently the Guildford Town Council required firm handling.

The attitude of the Government, says *The Woman's Leader*, does to-day mark a step forward, but an even more practical one has been taken by the Lambeth Borough Council in their recent decision to pay their women health visitors' and sanitary inspectors' salaries equal to those of the men, namely, £350, rising in six years to £450. The Ministry of Health took fright at this decision and demanded a report on the work of the female inspectors. Lambeth, however, stuck to its guns, and pointed out that the training, experience and qualifications are not only identical, but that women, by reason of their work in connection with maternity and infant welfare, are at least as important and valuable to the community as the men. Once this principle is understood and accepted it will carry us far. Teachers, take notice!

We wonder if female health visitors to be paid £450 are certificated nurses or not. Soon we shall claim that such highly paid officials must be "registered nurses."

The Registered Nurses Act for Quebec is published in *The Canadian Nurse* for October. It appears to provide for three years' training, or two years and one year's practice as the standard, no bona fides, and is to be entirely governed by a Committee of eight trained nurses. It is only required to transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, when required by the Provincial Secretary, a detailed statement of its movable and immovable property, the names of its officers and a certified copy of its rules and regulations.

Members of the Association incorporated shall alone be entitled to take, in the Province of Quebec, the title of "Registered Nurse." The General Nursing Council of England and Wales will at an early date have to obtain and tabulate all the Nurses Registration Acts throughout His Majesty's Dominions, so that a system of reciprocity can be set up. We know of quite a number of nurses in Canada who intend "as a matter of sentiment" to register in the mother country—without intention of practising here.

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