

nursing, and have a few weeks' hospital experience £2 a week, non-resident.

Miss Horsbrugh very truly says, trained nurses are the pivots of the whole nursing machine, and because it cannot function without an adequate number of them in each hospital unit, the appeal is made to those who will go to hospitals in any part of the country. We are sure the appeal will not be made in vain.

In the general post in the appointment of the new Government the most important change, so far as the Nursing Profession is concerned, is the elimination of Mr. Walter Elliot from the Ministry of Health, to which important department Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, recently Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been appointed.

cerning a profession of 100,000 skilled women should be controlled by their lay employers is intolerable, especially as in the case of the General Nursing Council the whole financial responsibility falls upon the Registered Nurses, the Treasury having no obligations in its financial support whatever. The new Minister of Health will find a fruitful field of enquiry when he comes to consider nursing affairs—let us hope he will do so from a more enlightened attitude than his predecessor—who so often confessed "He could not see his way." The day is passed when blinkers are permissible.

Sir Henry Page Croft, M.P. for Bournemouth for 22 years, has all that time consistently upheld the status of Registered Nurses and been their very good friend. With us they will offer to him their congratulations upon



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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN VISITING THE WOUNDED AT BOTLEY'S PARK EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, CHERTSEY.

This is an event of the utmost importance to the Nursing Profession, as the Minister of Health has association with it through the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. The Nurses' Registration Act provides for the nomination of five representatives of the Ministry of Health on to the Council, and of recent years the policy of these persons has been reactionary in the extreme, matters, in our opinion, having been decided *in camera*, calculated to depreciate the status of the Registered Nurses. It is greatly to be hoped that the new Minister will adopt a more enlightened policy and will instruct his representatives that the interests of the Public Health will be best served by sympathetic consideration of the aspirations of Registered Nurses by their Governing Body. Again, a more enlightened policy might be inaugurated by the recognition of the right to professional representation on all Government Committees set up to deal with professional affairs. That economic and educational matters con-

being raised to the peerage as Lord Croft of Bournemouth, an honour he well deserves.

The American Hospital at Ostend was recently bombed by the Germans and all the doctors, nurses, 200 wounded civilian patients, and a number of sheltering refugees are said to have been killed. The hospital, one of the most completely equipped in Northern Europe, was blown to bits in a few seconds.

A second wave of 'planes then came hurtling down and dropped incendiary bombs on the wreckage. The fire spread rapidly, and it is quite unlikely that a single person escaped alive.

The narrow escape from death of the American Ambassador in the bombing raid over Paris on June 3rd was providential.

It is no wonder thousands of residents in the United States realise that the time has come to help stay such barbarous carnage.

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