

The Victorian Order of Nurses are the advance guards of the nationalization of the nurses, and the nursing sisters of the army were the first to be placed under the services of the State. There is no necessity to write words of eulogy on the nursing profession, for every sensible person now realizes the great good they do. It would, however, be better if the nurses would be placed under the services of the State. If it can be done in war, it can be done in peace.

Conclusion.

In the above plan of the nationalization of the medical profession I stated that sickness would be reduced over 50 per cent. It certainly can be done. The question arises, how much work will remain for the medical profession? There will, of course, be many specialists in all branches, to whom the general practitioner will refer a large number of his patients.

Confinements could easily be paid by the ministry of motherhood, in a manner similar to the Workmen's Compensation Board. The public should have a choice in their medical attendant, the same as the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The practitioner could be paid a fee per case, or placed on a fixed salary per year. Where there is a will there is a way, and these details can all be worked out.

Where is all the money to come from? This is, of course, an important question. Should it be by direct taxation, or shall we get after the rich? Or both?

It is a crime to die rich, and the rich man would be better off if he had less money when he died. I would like to see the millionaires and rich trimmed. If a man has a few millions when he dies, I see no reason why the State should not take everything away above a hundred thousand dollars. It can be done, and should be done. The details of this can be easily worked out. Let us look at the great good that will follow in the complete nationalization of the medical and nursing professions. The aristocracy of blood has received a severe jolt the past five years, and it is up to us to give the aristocracy of money severe jolts. Let us instead recognize only the aristocracy of character. Let us nourish it, and build it up, and have the finest class of citizens. These are the patriotic duties in times of peace. Therefore I will appeal to all to use your influence and your devotion to your fellow-men and the State to herald this new order of service and the placing of the medical profession upon the highest standard in the world.

Then we may hope to have the world made a safe place for fathers to work in, for children to live in, and mothers to reside in.

