

work, and that some intending applicants will hesitate to enter the Service.

The Countess of Altamont, President of the Haslemere, Hindhead, and Shottermill Voluntary Aid Detachment of the British Red Cross Society (Surrey 52), recently held a reception at Whitwell Hatch, when the Detachment gave a display, first of a drill, Colonel Webb being in command, and then of their ability to prepare a hall for the reception of the wounded. While this was being done part of the detachment were rendering first aid, and when the hall was ready with camp beds, straw mattresses, an operating table, sterilizing apparatus, &c., the wounded were brought in. Dr. Jenkin, of Hindhead, medical lecturer on First Aid, was in attendance in overall and triangular cap, and attended the case brought to the operating table, and afterwards inspected the making of the beds. The members of the detachment wore Sister Dora caps, and the regulation Red Cross on their aprons.

The display ended with a second drill, at the close of which Miss Bewley gave evidence of her thorough knowledge of signalling, and with great rapidity and precision thanked Lady Altamont for her kind reception and for all the trouble she had taken in arranging the display.

After this Sir James Bourdillon explained the object of the Society, and the difference between its work and that of the St. John's Ambulance Society, which had now assumed the work of first aid in time of peace, while the work of the British Red Cross Society was international, and its members trained to render aid in war. The medical and nursing staff for 23 base hospitals were completely organized by the Territorials, and the work of the Red Cross was intended to help the Army Medical Corps to collect and render aid to wounded on the field.

Past and present nurses of the Sheffield Royal Hospital had a "reunion" gathering last week, the occasion being the annual "at home" of the nurses. Advantage was taken by many nurses who have received their training at the Royal Hospital of the opportunity of paying a visit to Sheffield to meet old friends.

The Matron (Miss Earle) received the guests in the Board Room, which had been tastefully decorated. Small tables were illuminated by fairy lamps, and decorated with crimson and white flowers, and plants and screens were also placed about the room with pleasing effect.

After tea, the visitors were conducted round the hospital, and were shown the Christmas decorations in the wards.

Miss Michie, the capable Superintendent of the Worcester City and County Nursing Association, has recently been appointed Superintendent of the Queen's Nurses in Ireland, and is to take up her work this week. While she will be congratulated heartily on her new appointment, general regret is felt at her departure from Worcester. The Queen's Nurses in Ireland number about 200, and Miss Michie's new duties will consist of supervising and organizing their work throughout that country. Her successor at Worcester is Miss Murphy, her present chief assistant. Miss Murphy has been at the institution for about 18 months, and has given proofs of good organizing powers.

The *Nurses' League Journal* of the General Hospital, Birmingham, just to hand, which is always excellently printed and produced, contains an admirable report of the International Congress of Nurses at Cologne, presented by Miss McFarlane, fraternal delegate from the League to the Congress.

The journal also contains a portrait of Mrs. Pritchard, who is about to retire from the staff, and an account of her work. Mrs. Pritchard was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, in 1864-5, when the hospital was situated near London Bridge, and when Mrs. Wardroper was Matron, "very strict, but kind." After a variety of experience, and having been twice married, Mrs. Pritchard took up work at the General Hospital, Birmingham, in 1879, and, except for two years spent at the Queen's Hospital, she has since been connected with the General, working on night duty till 1893, when she was appointed Casualty Nurse. For the last ten years her special duties have been in the X-ray rooms.

Although in her 69th year, and trained nearly fifty years ago, it is interesting to learn that Mrs. Pritchard is thoroughly conversant with the most up-to-date treatment, and able to carry out treatment by X rays or Finsen lamp, and to take radiographs and develop them. She will be greatly missed, for she has been a kind friend to many poor people, both in the hospital and in their own homes, and she has endeared herself to many generations of nurses. The nursing staff past and present have subscribed to present her with a cheque of nearly £20; and Presidents past and present, members of the Hon. Staff, and of the Board, have also presented her with a cheque for £47 12s. 6d. She will also have a small pension.

There appear to be very cordial relations between hospital governors and nurses in many parts of Scotland. We note with pleasure that Lord Provost Stevenson opened a series of

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