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## NURSING AND THE WAR.

We are asked by Miss Alice Claridge to say that during the time she acted as Matron-in-Chief at St. John's Gate, E.C., in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association, her work was concerned with the organization of the Foreign Service and Trained Nurses' Department— a new Department developed on the outbreak of war in consequence of the demands made upon the Association for trained nurses.

Miss Claridge had nothing to do with the organization of the Voluntary Aid Detachments, a quite distinct work on the part of the Association. Her interest lay in the selection and despatch of expressing warm appreciation of the skill and kindness of our Army Nurses.

Miss M. S. Campbell, for many years matron at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, but who is now resident in London, left recently for Cherbourg, where, through the generosity of the Dowager Marchioness of Bute and some of her friends, a hospital is being organised for the care of the wounded. Miss Campbell was accompanied by a number of nurses who will act under her, these including four trained in St. Vincent's—Miss Kathleen Corcoran, Miss K. O'Shea, Miss Sarah Barry, and Miss Lavless. Miss Lawless and Miss O'Shea have already had experience of the present



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thoroughly trained nurses to hospitals at home and abroad.

Five thousand bottles of Luce's "All British" (Isle of Jersey) Eau de Cologne have been presented by the directors, and accepted by Lady Gifford on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, for the nurses at the Front. Supplies of this Eau de Cologne are also being sent for use in the general hospitals.

Many letters are appearing in the press from soldiers who have been in military hospitals, all

War, the former having been in Antwerp at the time of the bombardment, while Miss O'Shea was nursing in one of the ambulances in Brussels at the time of its occupation by the Germans.

Sister Hughes and Nurse Ruck, of the Leeds General Infirmary, and Nurse Hewitt, of the Halifax Infirmary, left Leeds for France recently for service at the front.

For some weeks past enteric has had a grip of the French and Belgian soldiers at the front, and great suffering has resulted from a lack of a sufficien



