NURSING AND THE WAR.

Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Princess Victoria, visited the Second London General Hospital (St. Mark's College), King's Road, Chelsea, on Monday afternoon.

We are glad to hear all the Territorial Sisters and Nurses are, after their arduous six months' work, to have a holiday. Time flies away so quickly that we can hardly realise we have been under the war cloud for half a year!

a limited number of first class nurses are now disengaged. Several very efficient nurses in private nursing co-operations, inform us that they have offered three months' service in this new hospital, but that the minimum term of engagement is six months. We must, however, realise that good nurses are scarce, and three months' efficient help from those who can get this term of leave, should not be lightly discounted, although we all agree a year's engagement would be better.

An appeal for ten more fully trained nurses



We have received several letters of thanks from nurses working in these hospitals, for having urged upon the authorities the necessity for more domestic help. Scrubbers have been engaged in many Territorial hospitals, and this help should do much to lessen the strain on the nursing staffs.

We hear there has been some difficulty in procuring the trained staff of Sisters and Nurses of nearly 300 required for King George's Hospital, soon to be opened in Stamford Street. The fact is that the nursing profession has been well picked over during the past six months, and only

has reached the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies for the Serbian Unit which is installed at Kraquivatz, twenty-five miles from Belgrade.

By the kindness of the Editor of *The Gentle-woman*, we are able to publish the accompanying illustration of the Grand Duchess George of Russia, and the nursing staff of a hospital established by her for wounded soldiers, at r, Tewit Well Avenue, Harrogate.

Lady Pragnell has presented the joint committee of the British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance

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