

discharged or transferred, and there have been two deaths. The patients include men both of the Expeditionary and the Central Forces and a few Belgians. A large number of outpatients attend for massage, as many as 120 receiving this treatment in a morning.

The nursing staff are fortunate in being assigned as their quarters University House, ordinarily the hostel for women students at the University. Miss Cottam, whom visitors to the Nursing Conference last year will remember in connection with the day spent at Warwick and Stratford, is the Sister-in-Charge. The students' bed-sitting rooms are most cosy bedrooms, and there is an ample supply of bathrooms and hot water. The common room is charming, and, in the dining-room adjoining, the custom of the hostel in serving meals on the stained and polished tables has been continued. Beyond the dining-room is a serving room, with gas stove, hot cupboard, and pantry, and beyond that again the kitchen.

The Hostel, which is about seven minutes' walk from the hospital, stands in a large garden, with a broad terrace, running the length of the building at the back, and below it a tennis lawn, much appreciated by nurses off duty in the hot August and pleasant autumn days.

The nursing staff have wisely taken advantage of the educational facilities afforded by the progressive city of Birmingham to attend French classes, and their knowledge thus gained was put to a severe test one night when 200 wounded Belgians arrived.

The Bishop of Birmingham, with the help of an assistant, is chaplain to the hospital, and his khaki-clad figure is constantly to be seen about the wards. On one occasion a patient remarked to a visitor: "We don't often see a chaplain here." Somewhat puzzled, the visitor replied: "But I'm sure I have often seen the Bishop in the hospital." "The Bishop," replied the man; "oh, yes; but we don't count *him* a chaplain, he's a pal."

MEMBERS OF THE NURSING STAFF.

The following are the Members of the Nursing Staff of the 1st Southern General Hospital:—

Principal Matron.—Miss E. M. Musson.

Matrons.—(1) Miss K. G. Lloyd; (2) Miss Annie Kerslake.

Sisters.—Misses L. Allen, E. Arrowsmith, E. Ashbarry, E. D. Bullock, H. M. Cottam, K. Denning, M. Donald, M. Duesbury, B. Evans, N. Fellows, N. Goulder, J. Greatorex, M. Gregg, Haddon, E. Harriss, A. Hesketh, A. Hiscock, E. Holden, D. Jones, E. Lindsay, F. Lowe, J. Seddon, E. Sheldon, E. Smith, G. Tommy, F. Wilson, K. O'Donnell.

Nurses.—Misses A. Acton, Adams, A. Ashby, A. Bale, M. Bateman, D. Bennett, E. Bennett, L. Biggs, F. Birkin, N. Brett, A. Broadfoot, A. Brown, K. Bunch, Callard, Caley, A. Campbell, A. Chambers, F. Cloake, K. Cooke, B. Cooksley, N. Crawford, L. Cross, T. Crumlisk, Cullwick, K. Davis, M. Dickens, E. Ellis,

E. Ellison, L. Evans, Ffoulkes, Fisher, G. Frope, E. Froggart, E. Gahan, B. Gadd, E. Gall, N. Gibbins, A. Goldstraw, A. Green, I. Green, Hall, M. Hamilton, M. Hay, E. Healey, M. Heard, B. Hennessy, Hensman, O. Hill, Hill Davis, M. Holt, Emily Hughes, P. C. Hughes, Humphreys, Jackson, W. James, Jenkins, King, Laing, Lindon, J. Macleod, M. Macleod, McLelland, Mills, Moffett, Moorby, C. Moore, E. Moore, A. Morris, E. Morris, M. Morris, J. Munro, E. Murray, J. Murray, G. O'Sullivan, E. Palmer, Phelps, M. Poynton, Ramsbottom, Rhead, N. Sayer, E. Scott, J. Shaw, A. Shield, R. Silcock, F. Skinner, N. Smith, J. Snow, A. Stait, M. Summerhill, O. Summerhill, J. Sumner, L. Taggart, V. Thornborrow, G. Towler, E. Walker, J. Walker, Waters, Whewell, Esther Williams, Evelyn Williams, Lily Williams, Sarah Williams, G. Wood, K. Wreford, E. Simpson.

STATE REGISTRATION.

INSUFFICIENTLY TRAINED NURSES.

At a meeting of the Council of the British Medical Association, held in London on January 27th, the Medico-Political Committee considered the following Minute of the Annual Representative Meeting, 1914, on Insufficiently Trained Nurses:—

Minute 25.—That this meeting views with concern the increasing number of insufficiently trained nurses, and instructs the Council to call upon the Government and the other authorities concerned to take steps to remedy this evil.

The Council will report to the Representative Body that it is of opinion that the number of untrained nurses who can obtain employment is due partly to there being an insufficient supply of trained nurses; that this deficiency will be remedied by anything which increases the status and attractions of the nursing profession; and that, therefore, the result desired will be best brought about by the Association continuing its efforts to obtain State Registration of Nurses.

Sir James Barr (consulting physician, Royal Infirmary, Liverpool), Dr. Buttar (London), Dr. J. R. Hamilton (Hawick), Dr. F. J. Smith (senior physician, the London Hospital), and Mr. F. Charles Larkin (assistant surgeon, Stanley Hospital, Liverpool) desired that their disapproval of the decision might be recorded.

Thirty-seven members of the Council were present at the meeting.

Nurses owe a debt of gratitude to the Council of the British Medical Association for their interest in this question, which is of the utmost importance to their patients.

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