

over 30,000 garments have been despatched to France, besides bales of blankets, linen, &c., 150 to 200 of which are despatched every week. Under the guidance of the Vicomtesse's charming daughter I visited the basement and saw bales upon bales, safely secured in hessian and marked with the distinguishing sign of the Red Cross, ready for despatch. Then there were kit bags containing shirts, towels, pyjamas, slippers, sponges, and toothbrushes. The shelves of the cupboards were well filled with blankets—white and brown—linen, and other useful articles. Suits for the patients when they leave hospital are also needed, as it is often impossible that they should wear again those in which they were admitted.

On the ground floor the rooms are occupied by the offices of the President and her secretaries. On the floor above a number of typists (the only paid workers) are busily employed, and above again one found Mrs. Hugh Playfair, who organises the drug and surgical appliances department, who tells me that 20,000 odd metres of gauze have been despatched, and quantities of anti-tetanic, anti-diphtheritic, anti-typhoid, anti-dysenteric serums; also metallic iodine, a costly but most valuable drug, and carbolic crystals, as well as chloroform and ether. It is satisfactory to learn that the Society has found no shortage in the last-mentioned drugs. In out-of-the-way places, where the supplies have to be conveyed by motor car, the stock may sometimes run low, but as a rule the supplies are sufficient, and only need replenishing in the ordinary way. Opium and morphia, for use principally on the motor ambulances, and Gooch's splinting are in demand. Jam, chocolate, and biscuits are also greatly appreciated by the patients in these ambulances.

Then over 4,000 cachets of quinine have been despatched, as well as veronal, bisulphide of iron, acid acetate glacialis, syrup of squills, camphorated oil for hypodermic injections, liquid kola by the pound to mix with cinchona, lysol, peroxide of hydrogen, and much besides. Occasionally prescriptions are sent to this country to be dispensed.

Hospital furniture, such as dressing waggons, sterilisers, X-ray outfits, and surgical appliances and supplies, including bandages, are also sent out. Indeed, the usefulness of the Society is only limited by its means, and it is to be hoped that, amongst the numerous claims upon its generosity just now, the British public will remember the claims of the French Croix Rouge. Parcels and donations should be addressed to the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, Croix Rouge Française, 25, Knightsbridge, London, S.W. The society has recently received the gift of 1,000 guineas from the Corporation of London.

M. B.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross on Miss Mary Barbara Bennet, Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, who is serving on the hospital ship *Garth Castle*.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Gateshead Asylum, Stannington, Northumberland.**—Miss Grace H. Mackay has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Inverness District Asylum, and has been Deputy Matron at the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert.

**The Liverpool Hospital for Cancer and Skin Diseases, Myrtle Street, Liverpool.**—Miss Isobel M. Couper has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and has been Nurse in Charge of the Central School Clinic, Clarendon Street, Nottingham, Head Nurse at Miss Preston's Surgical Nursing Home, Bristol, and Sister at the Hospital to which she is now appointed Matron.

**Liverpool Merchants' Mobile Hospital.**—Miss Whitson, Lady Superintendent of Brownlow Hill Infirmary, has been invited to act as Matron, and has accepted the position.

### NURSE MATRON.

**Infectious Hospital, Haymeads, Bishop's Stortford.**—Miss Ada Copeland has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained in infectious nursing at the Darlington Borough Infectious Diseases Hospital, and has been Nurse Matron at Great Ouseburn R.D. Infectious Hospital, and Tamworth Joint Isolation Hospital, Matron of the Solihull and Meriden Joint Isolation Hospital, and Matron of the City Isolation Hospital, Chichester.

### SISTER.

**Home and Infirmary for Sick Children, Sydenham, S.E.**—Miss Selina Thomas has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Hospital for Women and Children, Bristol, and has been Sister in the same institution and at the Nursing Home, Grimsby.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Chelsea Infirmary, S.W.**—Miss Joan Wyse has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, and has been in succession Ward Sister, Night Superintendent, and Superintendent of the Nurses' Home at the Chelsea Infirmary.

### SUPERINTENDENT.

**Chelsea Infirmary, S.W.**—Miss Jane Stewart has been appointed Superintendent of the Nurses' Home at the Chelsea Infirmary. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and was for six years Matron at the C.M.S. Hospital, Hong Kong. She is at present Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Florence Andress is appointed to Herne Bay; Miss Annie L. Bailey, to Barrow-in-Furness; Miss Frances E. Furnival, to Bath; Miss Olivia A. Jones, to Kensington; Miss Annie R. Thomas, to Liverpool (Walton); Miss Ada B. Wallis, to Bryanston.

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