

must be better than others; but after seeing a great variety of nurses from hospitals, both large and small, working together on the same level, I am greatly struck by the difference in the training (or lack of training) in the hospitals. A State Examination would compel Hospital Committees to pay more attention to the teaching given to their nurses. It all seems to depend on the Matrons now."

Is this not sadly true? We also have interviewed hundreds of nurses from all over the kingdom since the outbreak of war, and have been more than ever convinced that, in return for their three or four years' hard work, many committees are providing the minimum of instruction for their probationers. Many certificated nurses are stupendously ignorant of the very elements of the theory upon which their practical work should be founded. Registration and only registration will enforce reform in this particular. Thorough education is costly, especially of a professional nature, and in our opinion the time has come for the managers of Nursing Training Schools to seek endowment, as was wisely done at St. Thomas' Hospital by the late Miss Florence Nightingale.

Our illustration on page 480 shows Mrs. Maxwell St. John, R.R.C., and the staff of the Anglo-French-American Hospital pour Malades Militaires, Neuilly-sur-Seine, where she is Matron. There is a staff of eleven trained nurses and four probationers.

The news from Serbia is happily reassuring, typhus, relapsing fever and enteric are all diminishing, and Colonel Hunter and Lieut.-Colonel Stammers sent out by the British Government, are in touch with the Parliamentary Sanitary Commission at Nish. All their recommendations have been accepted by the Serbian authorities, and they have had the warmest welcome from the Serbian Government. Their first care was to break the lines of infection between the troops and the rest of the country.

To effect this three principal steps were taken. First quarantine stations were established behind the lines; second, notice was given that all railway communication would be suspended for

fifteen days; and, third, all leave from the Army was stopped, and all soldiers on leave were immediately recalled, so that there might be no danger of re-infecting the railway after the disinfection, which was to be carried out during the stoppage.

Mrs. St. Clair Stobart has also sent an interesting account of the Stobart Women's Tent Hospital, which has appeared in the press. As the only fully equipped tent hospital it is a source of much interest and instruction to both civilian and official visitors. The good work is also being extended by dispensing work. Mrs. Stobart writes of this: "The idea occurred to me one morning to plant a small tent on the outer edge of our encampment, on the main road between Kragujevatz and Belgrade, and to put up a notice in Serbian to the effect that if people would bring their own bottles, medicines and medical advice would be given gratis—and see what happened.

The result has been that within a week this little roadside dispensary has already treated over 500 patients, and the number grows every day."

Colonel Hunter has also decided to open a series of these roadside dispensaries at intervals along the high road between Kragujevatz and Belgrade, a region in which fevers of all sorts abound, and where medical help is unobtainable.



No. 4 GENERAL HOSPITAL, LUDERITZBUCHT.

Miss McLeish, Matron of No. 4 General Hospital, Shark Island, Luderitzbucht, German West Africa, writes that "this hospital was full of German patients at the occupation of Luderitzbucht. We had a very trying time till their patients were well enough to be moved to a Nursing House in the town." We reproduce a photograph of the main building of the hospital.

CANADIAN RED CROSS NURSES.

The second contingent of Nurses sent by the Canadian Red Cross Society have arrived in this country. They are Miss B. Smith (Matron), Mrs. Rotherwell, Misses Dixon, Pine, Bowman, Pelly, Mellett, Weatherup, Tuckett, H. Smith, Brown, Stuart, Mann, Kaye, Wilkinson, Seaman, McQuin, Handley, McDonald, Oakley, J. J. Smith, Papst, Paquette, Norton, Cornell, Dale, Lord, J. M. Smith, and Wilson. They travelled in the *Missanabie* with

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