

hospital, until our equipment should arrive. In the meantime the enemy had succeeded in getting into K—and we were all immediately ordered to assemble in a certain square surrounded by a brick wall about 5 ft. high, the only entrance to which was a small gate. In addition to ourselves there were about 60 native soldiers, seven white officers, the doctor and his wife. All throughout the night we lay in the open, behind a grass shelter, waiting for what might happen, and in spite of the rats and snakes for which K—is famous, we spent quite a peaceful night, and returned to the hospital in the morning. Less than an hour later we heard three shots in quick succession, the signal agreed upon for an alarm: quickly summoning our 'Boys' and collecting a few necessaries, we returned to the square.

"A tense silence reigned. The men were in their places as before, women and children in the trenches at the foot of the wall. The attacking force was estimated at between 300 and 400. Soon the sound of shot became deafening, and as the walls were hit, bricks, branches, &c., were falling thick around us. The bullets were falling so fast that we women had to lie down flat, only getting up when the wounded had to receive attention. . . . We got them removed to the hospital, and then had our hands full in attending to them. . . . It is only now, on looking back, that we realize to the full the dangers with which we were surrounded, and the very narrow escape we had of falling into the hands of a merciless enemy, for but for the timely arrival of the relief column, not one of us could have survived."

HUMOUR AT THE FRONT.

Disabled man to comrade who is raising him on his back, preparatory to carrying him from the trenches: "No, you don't; it's you as will get the Victoria Cross, and it's me as'll get a bullet in me back."

Surgeon to wounded man who has been in danger of losing his sight: "Well, how are you getting on; can you see better to-day? can you see nurse?" "Ay, Sir, I can that; she is getting plainer and plainer every day!"

Some very amusing letters appear in the Press from our soldiers at the front. A member of a London Regiment sparkles through half a column in the *Weekly Dispatch*, from which we quote a few items.

"The souvenir-hunting plague continues; for the last two days a little girl has been following me round begging for my gold teeth.

"Yesterday I captured a tub and went with it into the barn in triumph, and was attempting to have a bath when in walked the billet-lady. She coolly and smilingly surveyed the scene, and remarked, 'Lavez?' I answered, 'Oui. Bunkez!' She must have understood some English, for she bunked.

"In fact, the language round here is becoming quite Anglicised, and 'Pas demi!' is coming into general use."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Exeter Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Pinhoe, near Exeter.—Miss Margaret K. Lonergan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, and the General Hospital, Nottingham, and has had experience of infectious nursing at the City Hospital, Norwich. She has been Assistant Matron at the Devon and Cornwall Sanatorium, and Matron of the Manor Valley Sanatorium, Peebles.

SISTER.

Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, W.—Miss Mary Holiday has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W., and has been Sister at the Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, and Sister and Night Sister at the Shoreditch Infirmary.

NIGHT SISTER.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Miss Annie Hardon has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, where she has held the position of Ward Sister. She has also had experience of private nursing.

CHARGE NURSE.

Blackburn Union.—Miss Catherine Weir has also been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Rochdale Union Infirmary, and has been District Nurse in Bradford.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE:

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Clara Cordingley is appointed to Ashton-under-Lyne; Miss Margaret Hull, to Bury; Miss Elizabeth A. Ward, to Hertford and Bengoe; and Miss Mary Welch, to Leicester.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At the examination for the certificate of fever training, held by the Fever Nurses' Association on April 14th last, 82 candidates entered, and the number who passed were 66.

A SATISFACTORY REFERENDUM.

We have received the following communication from Miss Violetta Thurstan, Secretary, National Union of Trained Nurses.

A referendum of the Full Members of the National Union has been taken on the principle of State Registration, with the following result:—

1. Those in favour of the principle of State Registration 457
2. Those against 35
3. Unsigned cards sent in marked "Yes" 3

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL, CARSHALTON.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday last, the Queen's private secretary wrote that her Majesty greatly enjoyed her visit to the hospital at Carshalton, and found it most interesting. Her Majesty thought the situation quite charming, and everything in connection with the hospital admirably arranged and administered.

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