

We beg to express our sincere admiration for the courageous and dignified manner in which Miss Florence Tubbs, the Matron, and the nursing staff of the Endsleigh Palace Hospital have maintained the best traditions of human ideals, in their fight against the autocratic exercise of power upon the part of their irresponsible employers, the Committee and Hon. Officers of the Endsleigh Palace Hospital for Officers.

A QUESTION FOR KITCHENER.

We still claim that this is a Question for Lord Kitchener, and are of opinion that drastic reforms are absolutely necessary, in the relations of the Army Medical Department and trained nurses in military auxiliary hospitals subsidized by the State.

THE NEW MATRON.

Miss C. B. Leigh, for many years the Matron of the Cleveland Street Infirmary, London, W., has accepted office as Matron of the Endsleigh Palace Hospital for Officers. Let us hope that, owing to the spirited protest of her predecessor, she may have no cause to regret it.

TRAINED NURSES INDISPENSABLE.

The man (and the woman) in the street find it difficult to understand the full value of trained nursing, but the opinion deliberately expressed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick at the recent meeting of the National Council of Women in London, in speaking to the Registration Resolution, when she said that without the work of trained nurses the war could not have gone on, shows that, for reasons of humanity and economy alike, the trained nurse is an indispensable factor in a great war. The comfort and solace which she can give to the sick and wounded is undeniable. But further, in their treatment, the work of the medical practitioners would be of little avail without that of skilled nurses to carry out their directions, and work in conjunction with them. In the prevention of infection, whether from the blood poisoning of wounds, or zymotic diseases, the work of trained nurses is of the first importance. Further, with an army recruited on the voluntary basis it is not conceivable that recruits would be readily forthcoming if they had reason to believe that when incapacitated by wounds and sickness they would be left without the alleviation of trained nursing, whose benefits they have learned to appreciate in civil hospitals. There is no doubt that the trained nurse is indispensable in war, and one of the most effective economic agents employed in its prosecution.

THE PASSING BELL.

The National Union of Women Suffrage Societies have received news of the death of Sister Sutherland, of the Scottish Women's Hospital at Valjevo, in charge of Dr. Alice Hutchison.

Sister Sutherland, who came over from Canada, went out last April with the second Serbian Unit. She contracted enteric and died on Sept. 26th. Canadian women, as well as men, are willingly laying down their lives for the Empire.

Miss Chadwick, one of a nursing contingent of five who left Leicester for Egypt five weeks ago has, we regret to report, died of enteric.

SMALES.—On the 13th inst., at the Military Hospital, Alexandria, Florence Emily, St. John V.A.D. member, the dearly-loved daughter of Charles and Alice Smales, of Magdala Place, Whitby.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:—

V.A.D. Hospital, Steuan House, Reading.—Miss S. Austin.

University V.A.D. Hospital, Barnbury Road, Oxford.—Miss F. M. Robinson.

Blair Hospital, Bromley Cross, Bolton.—Miss M. E. Crocker.

Temporary Hospital, Exeter.—Miss M. Covington.

V.A.D. Hospital, Kington, Herefordshire.—Miss L. A. Fellsell.

V.A.D. Hospital, The Larches, Uppingham.—Miss L. Finn.

V.A.D. Hospital, Aberdare.—Miss L. Humphries.

Auxiliary Hospital, Aberdare.—Miss A. Ogleby.

St. Helens Voluntary Hospital, The Tower, Rainhill, Lancs.—Miss M. A. Brindley, Miss M. A. Jennings.

V.A.D. Hospital, Leintwardine, Hereford.—Miss E. Cooke.

V.A.D. Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex.—Mrs. Day.

Red Cross Hospital, Clevedon, Somerset.—Miss L. M. Morley, Miss M. F. Crogan.

Brook War Hospital, Woolwich.—Miss M. Lawrence.

Felthorpe Hall, Norwich.—Miss F. M. Wincoll.

Farnborough Military Hospital, Farnborough, Hants.—Miss E. A. Brander.

V.A.D. Hospital, St. George's Hall, Willesden.—Miss F. M. Robertson.

V.A.D. Hospital, Tisbury, Wilts.—Miss W. Harvey.

V.A.D. Hospital, Town Hall, Burton-on-Trent.—Miss E. Shortland.

V.A.D. Hospital, Plank House, Gillingham, Kent.—Miss M. A. W. Allen.

Copse Hill Convalescent Home, Upper Slaughter.—Mrs. Gale.

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