

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

The illustration on this page shows Miss Alice Wainwright, a Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, leaving Buckingham Palace after being decorated by the King with the Royal Red Cross. She is manifestly delighted to show the much coveted decoration to the friends who are waiting for her.

The risks run in the Channel crossing to France have always been great, but the torpedoing of the *Sussex* has at last taken toll of innocent women and children, as well as men, about 50 lives having been lost, amongst them several American citizens.

lescent Sisters, was opened ' within the zone of the Armies.' H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, lent her beautiful house in the midst of the Forest of Hardelot for this purpose. On January 26th, 1915, the first patients were received, and by January 26th, 1916, the total had reached 683. These figures speak for themselves and show that such a convalescent home was certainly needed.

"The house is particularly well suited for the purpose—a long, low building situated on high ground in a setting of fir trees, whose green and brown colouring and sweet scent are most restful to the senses. It has a rough-cast exterior with red tiled roofs and casement windows, and is



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#### MISS WAINWRIGHT SHOWING RED CROSS.

As usual, there were some wonderful escapes. Mr. W. O. Snelling, a member of the Norwich Town Council, who was one of the passengers on board the *Sussex*, pays tribute to a plucky English nurse. He begged her to go with the other women in one of the boats. "No," she replied, "give my place to a man with a family of children. I am only a single woman." With a medical student who was on board she worked with great courage in tending the wounded and dying, although she herself was ill.

#### H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE'S CONVALESCENT HOME FOR NURSING SISTERS.

The first Annual Report, dated January, 1916, says:—"Just a year ago this Home for Conva-

surrounded by a stone-paved terrace bordered with grass, and in front a low stone wall in the centre of which are steps leading down to the drive. A Union Jack and Red Cross flag at the front gate denote its present use. The house has many rooms and is divided into two wings, between which is a fine billiard room, which is used as the dining-room, and can seat about 30 people or more on occasions. There is another small sitting-room, a comfortable hall and a drawing-room. A pleasing feature of all the rooms is the beautiful open fireplaces—a welcome sight in France!

"The Home is never without patients; the most it can take is 22 and it very often reaches that number. Some stay as long as six weeks, some come only for a night; but the usual period is

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