

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

The following *communiqué* was issued by General Sir John Maxwell last Sunday night and is greatly appreciated in Dublin:—

"I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the services rendered during the recent disturbances in Dublin by the medical, surgical, and nursing staffs of many of the city hospitals, and in particular of the gallantry shown by those nurses who exposed themselves to a heavy fire in attending to and removing the wounded.

"Also to the members of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Societies and the many medical men and private individuals who gave assistance in attending to the wounded or placed their houses at the disposal of the military for use as dressing stations. In numerous instances these services were rendered at considerable personal risk and under circumstances reflecting the greatest credit on those engaged in them."

May 12th is the anniversary of the birthday of Florence Nightingale. In commemorating "the Lady of the Lamp" we are to have "Lamp Day," when little paper lamps will be sold in the streets, in support of the Women's Service Bureau, the Women's Emergency Corps, and the British Women's Hospital at Richmond. Lady Brassey and Lady Cowdray have lent their houses as depots, where lamps will be sold. Many celebrated actresses will be amongst the saleswomen.

Six more nurses and a doctor have gone out this week to Corfu, under the auspices of the Wounded Allies Relief Committee, of Sardinia House, Kingsway, W.C., to the relief of sick and wounded Serbian soldiers. Dr. Philip Gell Garrett is the doctor, and the nurses are the Misses Agnes Richley, Edith Wedderburn, Jean Miller, Ellen Brimson, Alice Aitchison Brown, and Jessie Edith Borlase.

We may be very sure there was terrible sickness and suffering amongst the troops in Kut, and one rejoices to know that by exchanging sick prisoners 1,073 of these heroes have reached the Headquarters of the British Tigris Corps by hospital ship. No doubt Miss Phoebe Watt, R.R.C., and her nursing staff are in the midst of this important work, and let us hope a sufficient supply of trained Sisters will ultimately arrive. The hospital ship started again for Kut on May 8th, to bring back the last party.

The *Times* announces that the Association of Swiss Hotelkeepers has addressed a circular to proprietors of hotels asking them to give gratuitous accommodation for a period of three weeks during June, July, August, and September to Red Cross nurses on leave, of all countries. It is expected that hospitality will be provided for some hundreds.

The *Gazette* of the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, is one of the most original and

amusing illustrated journals which finds its way into our editorial letter-box, and each month it "goes one better."

This month the Matron, Miss Holden, describes "Our visit to Buckingham Palace," when 130 of the patients were invited to tea by His Majesty the King, and when "Her Majesty Queen Amélie went with us as our probationer and Sister Barrett and I had the honour of going with her in her car at the end of the procession."

"After a long drive we reached the Palace. The 'buses all went in at the entrance for the Mews, but the men at the gate, seeing Queen Amélie in the car, wanted the chauffeur to drive round to the Palace entrance. However, Her Majesty eventually persuaded them to let us in, after repeatedly calling out, 'I want to go with the men; I am a visitor and a probationer, and I want to go in with my patients.'"

Miss Holden describes what a splendid time they all had as guests of the King and Queen.

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss Grace Ellison will speak on the work of the French Flag Nursing Corps at a meeting of the Indian Empire Club on the 10th inst., as we go to press. The Meeting has been arranged by Mrs. Murray, and the President of the Corps, the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, will support the Chair.

Miss Ellison has made a most successful appeal in Liverpool where £220 has been collected at the various meetings she addressed.

In response to an address before the Liverpool Women's War Service Bureau, the following munificent gift has been donated to the Corps:— Pillows, pillow cases, 200 socks, 100 day shirts, 50 night shirts, 100 pyjamas, 25 bed jackets, 275 handkerchiefs, 40 towels, 3 boxes soap, 100 bags, 200 mufflers, 200 mittens, 12 pairs sheets, 30 pairs bedsocks, French books, Benger's Food and arrowroot. This splendid "haul" has been packed in four consignments and sent to Sister Robb, Besancon; Sister Way, Verneuil, Sister Mitchell, Fismes; and Sister Conway-Gordon, Port-a-Binson.

There is so much coming and going from the trenches amongst French soldiers that they need a constantly renewed supply of under-clothes and ward comforts. The Committee is most grateful to the women of Liverpool for their generous help.

Miss Alice L. Brunning, cert. and Second Assistant Matron, Camberwell Infirmary, and Miss Mary K. Coleman, cert. Government Hospital, Kalgoorlie, West Australia, who has just returned with Lady Paget after a year's service in Serbia, according to present arrangements, leave for France on the 12th inst.

The second Canadian Unit, selected by the War Committee of the Canadian National Associa-

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