

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

Sister Jean Stronach, of the Canadian Nursing Service, who has been awarded the Royal Red Cross (second class), was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and belongs to Hillhead, where the news of the honour conferred upon her has given much gratification. This picture shows a woman of the true nursing type.

Six Russian Sisters of Mercy have left for Austria-Hungary, in order to visit the camps where Russian prisoners of War are interned. It would be well, if—in the future—the Red Cross had an International Board of Nursing Sisters—permitted to nurse prisoners of their own nationality wherever interned—a Prisoners of War Brigade of Sisters of Mercy. How eagerly our trained nurses would volunteer for such a service, and what relief would follow in their train! When, after the War, we trained nurses meet once again in International Council (let us hope, as arranged, at Copenhagen, in 1918), "How to Maintain Peace and How to Ameliorate War" should have a prominent place upon its programme.

The *Lancet* correspondent in the United States of America states:—

The United States, warned by the experience of Europe, is preparing her Red Cross services, as I have before mentioned. Ten Red Cross base hospitals are organising to help the army, and are being formed in relation with the large civil hospitals, which will each of them probably furnish a whole hospital or a section accustomed to work together, with doctors, male and female nurses, clerks, cooks, &c., and voluntary aid ladies as "nurses' aids." Transport sections will be organised, probably in relation to the Universities. Five small hospitals are to be prepared on the Atlantic coast as auxiliaries to the navy, it is announced by the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels, who is good enough to take a great interest in the Naval Medical Department. He recently told a class of newly joined surgeons

that the preparedness of a ship lies just as much in the medical administration as in the administration on the bridge—a novel proposition indeed; still, it cannot but have sent them to their life's work with enthusiasm.

The Great Push has begun, and hourly now we shall live in greater anxiety, knowing well that each hour will bring grief to many homes. It is the penalty to be paid for all that the British people hold dear, and the women are standing upright on their feet to face their agony. Were not the women so great their sons could hardly be so sublime, and if one wants to realise how sublime

they are read "The Great Push," by Patrick MacGill, who wrote the "Red Horizon"; he has seen wondrous things, and it is well we should see them too.

Many nurses were amongst the crowds to welcome the wounded from recent battles when they arrived in London, and took part in the rose showers, which evidently delighted the heroes.

Miss Bickham, Matron of the Colchester Hospital, and Night Superintendent at No. 1 General London Hospital (T.F.), Camberwell, left this week for service abroad with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, and Miss Emily Northover, R.R.C., Assistant Matron at No. 3 General Hospital, Wandsworth, has been appointed by the War Office to supervise the nursing staff of a



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hospital proceeding to Salonica.

On a motion by Mr. W. O. Willis, Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane held that a letter, written by the late Miss Ada Stanley, a nurse on board a hospital ship, to her niece, in regard to the disposal of her property, could be admitted to probate as a soldier's will, notwithstanding that it was written in a London hotel while the nurse was on temporary leave.

Lord Tredegar has opened an extension of the Newport Hospital, towards which his predecessor—Viscount Tredegar—and himself gave £25,000.

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