

the surgical wards Her Majesty descended to the medical wards and remained some time in these, spending in all more than an hour in the hospital.

Eventually, to the strains of the National Anthem, the grey horses clattered away. The Queen's visit to Netley was over, but the influence of her gracious action abides, and the fact will be handed down to posterity as one reason, amongst many, for the place held by Victoria the Good in the hearts of her people.

The photograph of Miss Norman, the Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, which we publish this week, will be of special interest to our readers in connection with the fact of the Queen's visit to Netley. Miss Norman, who holds the important position of Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Department of the Army Nursing Service, and is an officer of the British Army, was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. In September, 1882, she went to Egypt as a Nursing Sister,

and upon her return to England in May, 1883, received the Royal Red Cross in recognition of her services. Miss Norman then returned to St. Mary's Hospital for a short time, until in October, 1883, she joined the Army Nursing Service as a Sister. In February, 1885, she was one of the Sisters sent to Suakim, and served for three months in the Base Hospital there, and afterwards on the Hospital Ship "Ganges." For these services, Miss Norman was awarded the Egyptian medal and clasp for Suakim, and also the Khedive's Star. In October, 1885, Miss Norman returned to Netley,

and, as a Nursing Sister still, was sent to Devonport in February, 1886. From October, 1886, to September, 1889, she acted as Superintendent of Nurses at the Military Hospital, Gibraltar, since which time she has held the position of Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Miss Norman has, therefore, had a distinguished nursing career, and has seen more active ser-

vice than falls to the lot of many nurses at the present day.

Whilst speaking on the subject of the Nursing Services we should like to call attention to the somewhat remarkable fact that in none of them are there any representatives of the nursing profession on the Boards which select the candidates for appointments under these services. In former days, when the Army Nursing Sisters were trained at Netley, the Lady Superintendent was accorded the privilege of selecting her subordinates, and now that the Sisters are chosen from Nurses previously trained



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in civil hospitals, it would seem the natural thing that the heads of the Navy and Army Nursing Departments should be accorded seats upon the respective committees of election. With regard to the Indian Nursing Service we think there would be no difficulty in obtaining the assistance of ladies whose position in the nursing world entitles them to rank as experts. We feel sure that such an arrangement must commend itself to the authorities as an equitable one, and would be welcomed by the exceedingly courteous gentlemen who preside over these departments.

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