

lovely land of cakes—they have not yet arrived at the London custom of "a cutlet for a cutlet." True to her nationality, the President of the Matrons' Council is known for her generosity in "Executive" teas. Indeed, she does much for the Council which is not "in the bond."

Then on the following day, Friday, Mrs. Walter Spencer, most genial of hostesses, entertained a party of Matrons to luncheon at 35, Brook Street, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick welcomed twenty members of the Executive Committee at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, where a most festive gathering took place. The tables were decorated with Iceland poppies of a dozen shades and white lillies; and as the greatest compliment to her guests, all the cabinets were open and the "lovely Lowestoft" was on view. Indeed, I came to the conclusion that Matrons, when off duty, possess boundless capacity for fun—as one said to another, "You are as much of a girl as ever you were." But then it is an ever-green age, and women who live "laborious days," as our hospital Matrons do, enjoy intensely their hours of relaxation.

Very few of the Matrons wore out-door uniform (owing, no doubt, to the fact that of late it has been found to cover a multitude of sins), and the public appeared pleasantly surprised at the evident taste in dress shown by the Matrons, the majority of whom were dressed with great care, as every woman should be. If the clothing of the person is a test of character, then the members of the Matrons' Council one and all must possess a keen sense of neatness, love of order, and the fitness of things. The President wore a handsome dress of black voile over apple-green silk, a black crinolin straw hat with very dark crimson roses tucked under the brim. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Mrs. Spencer were simply dressed in black and white, the former brightened up with a jetted bolero, and the latter with touches of white chiffon. Miss Julian's gown, also black and white, was of the latest mode, of beautiful black silk voile with inset sleeves and vest of white *mousseline de soie*, with which was worn a delicately constructed and very tasteful black and white bonnet. Mrs. Andrews looked very handsome in black. Miss Mollett and Miss Bradshaw were both very trim in blue coats and skirts and dainty and becoming vests. Miss Butler, whose taste is always unexceptionable, wore soft shades of grey, and, as usual, a most becoming little bonnet covered her pretty grey hair. Miss Knight, still so young looking, was in summer attire, and smiling under a pretty light hat; but space is limited, suffice it to record that the whole company, without exception, looked charming and bright.

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Army Nursing Notes.

THE Princess of Wales went down to Southampton on Monday and inspected her hospital ship, which has again arrived home from the Cape with sick and wounded. The visit lasted an hour and a half, during which time Her Royal Highness spoke to each of the 170 patients.

Before the ship left the Cape the Princess had sent presents in the form of shirts, pocket-handkerchiefs, and socks, and on Monday her Royal Highness added to her former kindness by presenting each man with a neat red cushion, bearing the legend in the corner, "A present from the Princess of Wales." Each man was also presented with a hymn-book, and the non-commissioned officers and colonial troops received a New Testament. The volumes were in white covers with red edges, the top of the cover being inscribed, "The Soldier's New Testament," and the bottom, "South Africa, 1900." The centre of the cover showed a blending of the Royal Standard, Union Jack, and Red Cross flag.

All the sick and wounded at Mafeking have been removed to the Yeomanry Hospital at Deelfontein. This hospital now numbers 1,000 beds, and, with the approval of Lord Roberts, a further branch of 400 beds will be instituted in Pretoria within the next few weeks. The staff of this latter branch are now *en route*, and consist of the following doctors and nurses, besides 82 ward orderlies and eight ward maids:—

Doctors.—Mr. W. Langden-Brown, physician, M.A., M.B., and Mr. Herbert Williamson, surgeon, M.A., M.B., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Dr. Sandwith, M.D., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Kasr el Ainy Hospital, Cairo; Mr. Stanley F. Crowther Smith, physician and surgeon, M.B., M.R.C.S.; Mr. A. R. J. Douglas, M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng.; Mr. Howell Davies, surgeon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Mr. F. Brickwell, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Mr. F. L. Provis, Tottenham Hospital, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.; Mr. A. H. Hayes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; and Mr. C. S. Frost, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Nursing Sisters.—Mrs. T. A. Cobbold, Misses Nisbet (East Dulwich Infirmary), Matron, N. Templeton, E. K. Sharp (Royal Berks Hospital, Reading), L. Whiley (Royal Berks Hospital, Reading), E. C. Smith, E. C. Rider (Lambeth Infirmary), M. E. Hainselin (South Devon Hospital, Plymouth), A. M. Britten, M. Brough (Royal Infirmary, Derby), A. Rogers (St. George's Hospital), T. Smith, E. C. Thomas, F. H. Barry,

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