

DESPATCHED TO THE FRONT.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

St. John Ambulance Association has during the past week held back its contingents of nurses for the front, as owing to the retreats of the Allied Forces the War Office is very disinclined to send to France more nurses at present. Nurses who can speak French and who are to be financed by the response to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's appeal, have been selected for foreign service. Besides the news received of Miss Cutler's party, the Association has heard of the safety and well-being of another party of nurses at Brussels.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The British Red Cross Society has also a long waiting list of volunteers, and as their last contingent was held up at Cherbourg, it is thought wise to await events.

CHURCH ARMY HOSPITAL.

The first section of the Church Army Hospital has left for France. The party consisted of Lady Bagot, a hospital matron, five nursing sisters, Mr. Cruickshanks, four other medical officers, and a staff of orderlies. The party travelled by the yacht *Medusa*, lent by Mr. Farquhar. Mr. Farquhar's cousin, who takes his own motor-car as an auxiliary to assist the hospital organisation, was also on board. The *Medusa* conveyed not only the staff, but the entire hospital equipment.

BRITISH FIELD HOSPITAL FOR BELGIUM.

Miss M. Theresa Bryan left London on Monday in charge of the British Field Hospital for Belgium. She has with her eighteen fully-trained nurses, twelve doctors (of whom four are women), and several dressers, and equipment for forty beds. The nurses will sleep under canvas. Mrs. Congreve, wife of General Congreve, who is a trained nurse, has gone out to help with the nursing.

Several ladies and gentlemen will accompany the expedition with their own motor cars, amongst whom are Mrs. Winterbottom, Mr. Somers, and Mr. Carr-Gomm. Lord Glenesk's niece, Miss Borthwick, has lent her yacht for the use of the Hospital.

Two farmers' wives have gone with the Expedition, each taking a horse, and they are prepared to help with ambulance work, cooking, scrubbing, &c. Several motor caravans have been lent to the Hospital, and they are ready to be sent directly they are required. A staff of women has gone out to do the washing, cooking, &c., all of which help is entirely voluntary, and many have had to be refused, also doctors and nurses, but they will go out later if required.

A telegram has been received by Lady Helena Acland-Hood, the Hon. Secretary, saying the party had arrived safely as far as Ostend. Lady Helena was not at liberty to say what was their final destination. Col. The O'Gorman (Hon. Treasurer) received a gift of £350 on Tuesday for a motor lorry for the Hospital.

TWO UNITS FOR THE FRENCH RED CROSS.

The first unit of the above, headed by Dr Handen-Guest, with three surgeons, twenty fully-trained nurses, several orderlies, and with complete outfit left London on Tuesday for the ambulance offered by the Marquise de Luppé, near Paris. All are giving voluntary service, and some paying their own passage. Most of the party speak French. The nurses are all from the large London hospitals. Posts have also been filled by women speaking French, with some knowledge of nursing, to do the cooking, scrubbing, and general work.

The second unit, headed by Madame de Longuéuil, of 9, Ovington Square, S.W., will leave on Saturday, 12th inst., for the Château of the Duchesse de la Mollé Houdencourt, who has under her charge the undermentioned fully-trained nurses: Miss Anna Hutchinson, London Hospital, Misses Base, Cox, Miles, Fowler, Crosbie, Mary Scott, and Campbell, of the Belgravia Nursing Home, Royal Avenue, Chelsea; Miss L. Barnes, and Miss de Bloet, from St. George's Hospital; and a Swedish lady anaesthetist, Miss K. M. Heblgren.

These two complete hospital units are entirely composed of women, the doctors in charge being Dr. Garrett Anderson and Dr. Flora Murray. The drugs and general outfit are also in charge of women.

THE ALLIED FORCES BASE HOSPITAL.

This Hospital of 200 beds is to be erected in France with the approval of the War Office. The Duchess of Roxburgh is President, and Miss Elizabeth Richards, of the Duchess Nursing Home, Beaumont Street, London, has been appointed matron.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The following Sisters and Nurses, holding the certificate of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, are now serving either at home or abroad.

Abroad.—Naval and Military Services.—Sister M. Turner, Nurses N. Holmes, M. Poole, L. Leffery, M. Gray Maitland, and N. Hunt.

Netley.—Sister M. Martin and Nurse P. Roberts.

Royal Herbert Hospital.—Nurses A. D. Bates and W. Linton.

Belgium.—Red Cross Sister H. A. Allen and Nurse E. Bent.

Territorial Nursing Service, Second Eastern Hospital.—Sisters F. B. Nightingale, E. G. Nelson, H. G. Davidge, R. Draper, K. Mann, H. E. Panton, H. Berger, and P. Clayton; Nurses M. Cann, N. Lloyd, E. A. Bays, Z. Douët, E. Mills, B. Woodruff, and H. A. Belcher.

We regret that several items under this heading are unavoidably held over.

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