

nursing profession on her suggestion. We think so too.

WANTED, early in October, a NURSE-MATRON and WARDMAID for a Cottage Nursing Home of 5 beds. Economical manager. Two sisters or friends might suit. Salaries £34 and £16. Apply Mrs. FALCON, Horstead, Norwich.

Miss A. M. Davies, of Treleorth, Bangor, writes to the press to suggest that the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund might help forward in North Wales the training of more women as midwives and district nurses. She says:—

"There is a constantly increasing demand for Welsh-speaking nurses. Many districts in North Wales are at this moment waiting patiently for a district nurse, until one of the Association's fourteen or fifteen pupil nurses (for this is the total number that the Association can afford to train annually) is ready for work. Boards of Guardians, sanitary and education authorities often advertise in vain for Welsh-speaking nurses. The demand everywhere exceeded the supply before the War broke out, and now nurses are very scarce indeed."

Public money might be well expended in training midwives, because the State is responsible for their minimum efficiency, but as the majority of trained nurses at the best schools get their three years' training free, we cannot approve of spending the Women's Work Fund, in giving women a smattering of nursing knowledge, and thus depreciating a sound educational and economic training for the nursing profession as a whole. This appears to us a very unjust policy.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS.

How very busy nurses are just now doing their little bit to help. One of the nurses of the Nurses' Co-operation, 22, Langham Street, has been doing what most people would think a large bit. Hearing that the recruits at Woolwich were not provided with towels and soap, Miss Kings Elliott journeyed down with a few, a piece of soap pinned in the corner of each which she asked the men to accept; their joy was unbounded, the rush and shout of "One for me, please; oh, do give me one," made her depart feeling sad she had not one for each man. On her return to the (Howard de Walden) Club, she told her experience. The nurses were deeply interested and at once subscribed to enable her to get many hundred towels and pieces of soap. For several days she made the same journey with some of her fellow-nurses; each time the men gave her a hearty welcome with cheers and a "God bless you." As one of her colleagues, I should like to say how much we admire her untiring energy and thoughtfulness.

M. R.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

2ND LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL T.F.N.S.

The buildings of St. Mark's College, King's Road, Chelsea, and the adjacent new secondary schools have been taken over to form No. 2 General Hospital of the Territorial Nursing Service. St. Mark's College is a fine building standing in its own grounds, at the rear of which stands Chelsea station. The dividing wall between the two has been partially demolished, in order that the invalids may be transported from train to hospital by the shortest and most private route.

The interior of the building is well adapted for its purpose, and the new wards are spacious, airy, and cheerful.

The necessary additional lavatory and bathroom accommodation is ingeniously constructed to be approached from all the wards on the floor with equal facility. All is in readiness for patients to be received, with the exception of the completion of the structural alteration, which will in no way interfere with this being carried out.

The nursing staff is fully occupied with preparation of dressings, splints, marking of linen, &c., and nothing that skill and forethought can devise seems to be lacking. A great advantage is the ample storage room which the building affords, and which will greatly add to the conduct of administration.

Miss Darbyshire, Matron, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, is the Principal Matron.

The Matron, Miss M. S. Riddle, trained at St. Bartholomew's, and now Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, has from the formation of the T.F.N.S. held the rank of Matron in the service. She heads a band of efficient sisters and nurses, who eagerly await the arrival of the heroes from the front to whom it will be their duty to minister.

Orderlies in khaki are everywhere in evidence, going at their unaccustomed work with a willingness that will later develop into skill.

We learn that the building of St. Mark's is to accommodate the medical cases, and enterics in the early stage are expected to be sent from the front. The surgical cases will be treated in the adjoining building.

The Invalid Kitchens of London work in co-operation with all the existing relief institutions, and arrangements have been made with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association to undertake the supply of food to invalids, children, maternity, and all other cases recommended by the Association.

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