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## TERRITORIAL HOSPITALS IN SCOTLAND.

## NO. 3 GENERAL HOSPITAL, STOBHILL.

The Territorial Hospitals in Scotland number four in all, that of the Highland Division at Aberdeen, and three of the Lowland Division— No. 2 at Craigleith, Edinburgh, which I described last week, and No. 3 and No. 4 at Stobhill, Glasgow.

Dr. D. J. Mackintosh, M.V.O., LL.D., Medical Superintendent of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, who has been appcinted Assistant Director of Medical Servces, and is Colonel on the Head institutions had to be sent in charge of the Charge Nurses, so that stocktaking in the wards had to be done with the junior nurses and probationers, who were not conversant with this department. However, everyone worked loyally and well, and in a week, the thousand beds were emptied, and the nurses had vacated their rooms in favour of the incoming staff, although, as the staff which came in was considerably in excess of that which was displaced, the problem of arranging for their accommodation was not an easy one. Now there only remain at Stobhill some 120 adult poor law patients, and 500 children, the rest of the building is given over to the two Territorial Hospitals.



A PAWKY JOKE.

Quarters Staff, is in charge of the Lowland Division.

As in Edinburgh, so in Glasgow—one of the Poor Law Hospitals has been utilized for the organization of the Territorial Hospitals. The Stobhill Hospital which contains nearly 2,000 beds affords accommodation for both, over 1,000 patients having been removed to other institutions.

It is needless to point out the labour entailed upon the Matron, Miss M. Wright and the nursing staff, who worked day and night, Sunday and week-day to vacate and prepare the two hospitals. The labour on the part of the Matron was increased, as the patients who were transferred to other the fresh air their power to perform their work. Those who know Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, know that it is beautifully placed, open to all the

revivifying air from the Atlantic which blows freely around it, and with lovely views on all sides. Not the least attractive is the approach—

beautiful with variegated shrubs, and beds full of lovely flowers, the pansies being specially fine.

It is a great convenience that the train by which the wounded, returning from the front, are conveyed runs right into the hospital grounds, and Miss Gregory Smith describes the arrival of the first train of wounded as a sight never to be forgotten. They arrived after dark, and with

Miss Gregory Smith, Matron of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and Principal Matron of No. 3 General Hospital, kindly spared time in a life which is specially strenuous just now to take me over to Stobhill where I had the pleasure of meeting the matron, MissMiller, trained and an Assistant Matron at the Western.

The Red Cross organization in Glasgow thoughtfully puts motor cars at the disposal of the PrincipalMatrons, and both Miss Melrose, Principal Matron of No. 4, and Miss Gregory Smith, neither of whom have had a holiday  $_{\mathrm{this}}$ year, attribute to these daily drives to and fro in



