

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The Committee of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, reported to the Quarterly Court on November 4th that they have received a letter from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, expressing to them her heartfelt thanks for their ready response to the appeal for nurses during the present terrible War, and for selecting them and sending them with the shortest possible delay to the seat of War, and praying that God will bless their efforts.

During the past quarter five Sisters and four nurses who are members of the Territorial Nursing Service have been mobilised, and are on duty at the 1st Eastern General Hospital.

The Matron of Addenbrooke's has become Matron at the 1st Eastern General Hospital, and is doing duty at both places.

The Committee have also been called upon by the War Office to supply the six nurses, whom they guaranteed, to supplement Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service, and two of these nurses are on duty at the Front, two at Colchester, and two at Shorncliffe.

The Admiralty have called upon the Committee to supply the two nurses under Section A. guaranteed by them to supplement Queen Alexandra's Naval Nursing Service.

The following units have been sent to nurse the wounded in home hospitals under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society:—

Royal National Orthopædic Hospital.—(Emergency Unit).—Misses A. M. East and R. Griffiths.

Mansfield Hospital.—Misses M. M. Kane, E. Neil, Rose E. Worts, B. Shepherd.

Haigh Hall, Wigan (Countess of Crawford and Balcarres).—Misses A. Firth, M. Underwood, M. Williamson, G. Field.

Southampton Red Cross Hospital.—Misses A. M. Burge, A. Dobie, L. L. Eskell, N. I. Gilbert, K. Jones, A. M. Leslie, A. E. Thomas.

Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate.—Misses J. A. Milton and S. I. Bell.

Louth Hospital, Lincolnshire (Mrs. Cordeaux).—Miss M. N. Caird.

Cleve Hill Hospital, Downend, Bristol.—Miss A. Sim.

Red Cross Hospital, Winchester.—Miss L. N. N. O'Rian.

Bicester Hospital (Mrs. Hendricks).—Miss I. Smith.

Ward Home, Reigate.—Misses M. M. Fielden, E. M. Smith, M. Pound.

Red Cross Hospital, Old Infirmary, Perth.—Miss W. Woodmansey.

Bulstrode Hospital, Gerrard's Cross (Lady Ramsden).—Misses M. Copinger, T. Dawson, E. M. Oxley, V. Stewart, O. J. White.

Auxiliary Military Hospital, York.—Misses M. Burke and L. Clarke.

Military Hospital, South Wingfield, Derby.—Miss M. Benallack.

Red Cross Hospital, Richmond (Miss Prendergast).

—Misses Linda Bell and Minnie Pearce.

Red Cross Hospital, Hazlewood, Ryde.—Miss E. Garrett.

Ockbrook Hospital, Borrowash, Derby.—Miss E. Law.

Northwood House Hospital, Cowes.—Mrs. M. Orr.

Blythsburgh Hospital (Lady Stradbroke).—Miss J. Holmes.

THE CONVALESCENT MILITARY HOSPITAL, CAWTON.

We hear that the Convalescent Military Hospital at Cawton, near Rugby, provided by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Blyth, is very complete, and the authorities have been asked whether they would be willing to take in more serious cases. The cases so far admitted have done extremely well, as indeed they should, for it is an ideal little hospital, having four wards. The beds have good hair mattresses, and there is plenty of nice linen and good blankets, and a rubber hot-water bottle for every bed. New bed jackets, nightshirts, day shirts, socks, and bedroom slippers are liberally provided. The floors are of white boards, and bedside mats are placed by each bed. There is a cloak room for coats and boots, a mess room, a smoke room in the garden, and a laundry for the hospital use. So far the patients have been Belgian soldiers not very seriously wounded, but the wounds were septic on admission. All the patients were very pale and weary, and looking unutterably sad. Three men are ill with rheumatism. They had been standing for days in the trenches up to their waists in water; others have stiff joints from compound fractures, and there are two bad gastric cases. There is a great change in them already, and they are picking up fast with the excellent food. Mr. and Mrs. Blyth are at the hospital every morning by 7.45 a.m. to help with the breakfasts. The people of the neighbourhood are most kind in fêting the men, and one kind friend sends a motor-car daily to take them for drives. Mrs. MacEwen, R.N.S., is in charge of the nursing, and is devoting herself to the well-being of the patients.

TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

Eminent Irish Matron who has come to London to offer her services to the wounded, and eminent Peeress, interviewing nurses.

Peeress (haughtily): You appear to have been trained a good many years ago.

Matron: Yes, but I have been in active work ever since.

Peeress: No doubt, but we require up-to-date training.

Matron: My work has been to train nurses in up-to-date methods.

Peeress (blandly): That is hardly my point.

Matron: Is experience a disqualification?

Peeress: Our Lady Superintendents (usually peeresses) find younger women easier to manage; but (condescendingly) by and by there will be convalescents to look after—perhaps we may be able to employ you to look after some of these!

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