

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The *Daily Express* announces that thanks to the generosity of its readers a sufficient sum of money has been collected to provide a Christmas gift for each of the British nurses at the front. No further subscriptions are required, and the "Nurses' Presents" Fund is now closed.

The gift, which is to convey to the heroines of the nursing line in France the Yuletide greetings and deep gratitude of the people at home, has been selected.

It is a neat white leather case which folds over quite flat, so that it can be slipped into the pocket. On the outside it is adorned with a gold embossed crown and four flags, and it has "Christmas 1914" and "From the readers of the *Daily Express*" printed on the flaps inside.

The case contains an entire "housewife" outfit, well supplied with all the requisites for emergency needlework, of the finest workmanship.

Abbaye de Royaumont, a beautiful old chateau twelve miles from Chantilly.

Nurse Hughes, who for the past two years has faithfully discharged the duties of district nurse for Pittenweem and St. Monans Nursing Association, was chosen as one of the nurses to leave for the front on December 7th for duty at the field hospital at Nantes, which has been fully equipped by Lady Eva Wemyss of Wemyss Castle. Nurse Hughes, who is a favourite with all classes of the community, is a native of Pittenweem and a former sister of Wemyss Hospital.

We note that in appealing for funds for "L'Hôpital de l'Alliance" near the front, it is stated "the medical staff and some of the nurses are giving their services and paying their own expenses: others have been sent by the United States by American friends who are maintaining them. So that no money subscribed will be spent on organization; every penny will go to



THE NURSING STAFF OF THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, ORGANIZED BY THE SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

We feel sure the kind thought of the editor will be appreciated by many nurses who will be far from home at Christmas, and that they will value this gift, and no doubt keep it carefully in memory of the work they have had the good fortune to do in this national crisis.

The following nurses on the staff of the Scottish Women's Hospital left Edinburgh last week for France:—Miss Conley, Miss Duncan, Miss Connell, Miss Milne, Miss Gray, Miss Lawrence, Miss Dorothy Littlejohn, Miss Hogarth, Miss Swanston, Miss Maggie Gray, and Miss Maxwell. In the centre of the group, which we have reproduced from an Edinburgh *Evening News* photograph, is Miss S. E. S. Mair, President of the Scottish Federation of Women's Suffrage Societies, under whose auspices the unit is sent out. They will be located at the hospital to be established in the

the benefit of the wounded soldiers." We would remind Sister M. M. McNeil that nothing would benefit the wounded soldiers more than expenditure on highly qualified nursing, which is not obtainable when voluntary services alone are available.

On a remanded charge of obtaining food and lodging by false pretences, a well-dressed girl, named Clara Bogg, was last week sent to prison for three months by the Manchester Stipendiary Magistrate. Bogg told her landladies that she was a Red Cross nurse, and was attending Whitworth Hospital for treatment, owing to the sinews of her left arm having been cut by the Germans. All her statements were false. She said in court that the police could put down a dozen convictions against her but only one was proved—a conviction for theft.

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