

NURSING AND THE WAR.

We understand that a coat and hat have been sanctioned for use by the members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, many of whom find that the regulation cape is not sufficiently warm. The coat may be worn with the present bonnet, but the hat must not be worn with the cape.

We are glad to hear that the members of the London Nurses' Co-operation several of whom volunteered for the Territorial Nursing Service are not being called in after six months' work, as rumoured. The members, in this time of emergency, are to decide for themselves, and to remain on active service if they choose, although no doubt, the Co-operation will be affected financially by the loss of so many nurses. One-third of the members of the Registered Nurses' Society are on active duty, and more may have to be spared if our wounded are in need of more trained nurses.

Her Majesty the Queen has consented to become patroness of the Serbian Relief Fund.

Lady Paget and [the nursing staff she took out to Serbia are returning to England. The conditions are almost impossible for the average woman owing to poverty, lack of supplies, and general disorganisation.

Nothing, however, appears to dishearten Mrs. St. Clair Stobart, who is now in England and is most anxious to move her unit, organised by the Women's Imperial Service League, from the Anglo-French Hospital at Cherbourg to Serbia. We hope it may be arranged, but the difficulty appears to be that this unit is entirely composed of women, and in Serbia men only are considered capable of sustaining the primitive conditions of living and the insanitary conditions. Already one nurse has died there, and the majority have been sick with one illness or another. As for lady

domestics, such as cooks, laundry-maids, and girl orderlies, they appear to be quite out of place so far, but now that there are several units of English and Scottish nurses working in the Balkans we may hear more hopeful news in the future. Any way, if women can rough it usefully, Mrs. St. Clair Stobart is one of them.



MISS FLORA MARTHA SCOTT.



MISS IVY GRACE PICKERING.

The following nurses left London on Tuesday to join Lady Paget's reconstituted unit:—Miss Beaton, Miss Lillian Gerrard, Miss Grimes, and Miss Peter, with Mr. Roland Bryce and Mr. T. J. Grieve as orderlies.

The second (Lady Wimborne's) Serbian Relief Fund unit also left on Tuesday. The unit included some 50 members:—Administrator, Mr. W. P. G. Graham; Chief Surgeon, Mr. Barrington-Ward, F.R.C.S.; Assistant Surgeon, Mr. G. H. Sinclair, F.R.C.S.; Second Assistant Surgeon, Mr. Edmund B. Jones, F.R.C.S.; Physician, Dr. Bellingham Smith; Bacteriologist and Anaesthetist, Dr. J. Dalzell; Matron, Miss Eveline Roberts; Nurses, Miss M. G. Davies, Miss Eleanor Davies, Miss Atkinson, Miss Bishop, Miss Frost, Miss Sinclair, Miss Davidson, Miss Sketchley, Miss Thompson, Miss Ethel Thompson.

In addition there were 9 women orderlies, 12 men orderlies, a cook, assistant cook, laundry-maid, assistant laundry-maid, dispenser and quartermaster.

Miss Monsie Scott, sister of the famous explorer, will act as principal assistant to the Administrator.

Miss Flora M. Scott, and Miss Ivy G. Pickering, whose portraits appear on this page left London by Admiralty transport, as we reported in our issue of the 23rd ult. with Dr. Eliot for Serbia to replace members of Lady Paget's party incapacitated by illness. Miss Scott was the Principal of a nursing home in Leicester, and Miss Pickering was a member of her staff. There is plenty of work awaiting them, as enteric is rife and an outbreak of typhus is feared.

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