

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

Now that Italy, true to her traditions, has joined the Allies, and entered upon the Holy War for the preservation of the liberty and honour of civilised nations, the question of the provision of nursing care for those of her gallant soldiers who are sick and wounded is a matter of primary importance.

Devotion to the sick on the part of religious communities has never been lacking in Italy, but those of our readers who have followed the history of the modern nursing movement in that country—and it is scientific modern nursing which is needed now—know that, in Queen Elena, Italy has a Queen who takes the deepest interest in the training of Italian nurses on modern lines, that the nursing school at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome—under the supervision of Miss Dorothy Snell, an Englishwoman trained at the London Homœopathic Hospital—bears Her Majesty's name—*Scuola Convitto Regina Elena*—and has her personal support. Italian pupils, trained in this school, are already holding positions of responsibility, and schools organised on the same lines, and in touch with the central organisation in Rome are also at work in other cities. Thus the pioneer work done by Miss Amy Turton in Florence and Rome before the founding of the school at the Policlinico, and by Miss Grace Baxter, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, in Naples, is proving of supreme value. Moreover, the active support of such influential Italian ladies as Princess Doria, Signora Maraini Guerriere Gonzaga, and others deeply interested in the education of Italian girls on modern lines in nursing is assured.

The supreme value of the work carried on at

the Policlinico Hospital just now is that it has demonstrated what can, and should, be done for the care of the sick in a hospital where the nursing is well organised.

It is impossible that so young a school can provide a tithe of the nurses who will be required, but it has in Miss Snell, who has the active support of the Queen, a Matron of experience, ability and resource, well qualified to advise on the steps to be taken in regard to the provision of nursing care in this time of national emergency and to organise a scheme; and our Italian sisters may rest assured

that not only sympathy but practical nursing help will be forthcoming from this country, if they intimate their desire for such assistance.



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and congenial a guest, and the pleasure appeared mutual.

On Wednesday morning Miss Maclean, Miss Nurse, and the New Zealand nursing contingent left Paddington *en route* for Egypt, where their services cannot fail to be of the greatest value. Later Miss Maclean hopes to return to England, where she is assured of a warm welcome.

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