

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS.**

The selection of Highgate as the locality for Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers was a very happy one. Bracing and healthy, the climate is most suitable for sick and wounded officers, it is most accessible, and few Londoners realise what a beauty spot is within a stone's throw of the Metropolis. Just now it is seen at its best, the trees with their fresh green, and copper beeches, lilacs, pink and white horse chestnuts, and laburnums a feast of colour.

The garden at the Hospital for Officers, surrounded by beautiful trees, affords a most peaceful environment for the patients, and as every bed can be wheeled on to the verandah they are able to fully enjoy it.

On Thursday in last week Queen Alexandra honoured the Hospital with a visit, and stayed for an hour and a half talking to the wounded officers. Before doing so a pleasant little ceremony took place, when Her Majesty accepted from Mr. Herbert Paterson, the Hon. Surgeon in charge, the Matron, Miss Sinzinenex, and the nursing staff the badge here illustrated, designed by the Committee for the staff. The centre is a red cross on a white enamel shield, enclosed in a circle of blue enamel with gold lettering and surmounted by a gold crown. Her Majesty gave much pleasure by wearing the badge during the remainder of her visit.

She then presented badges as follows:—To Lady Mond, representing Sir Alfred Mond, Chairman of the Hospital; to Mr. Herbert Paterson, Hon. Surgeon; and Mrs. Herbert Paterson, Hon. Housekeeper; to the Matron; and the following members of the

nursing staff: Miss Bertha Caron (Sister) and the Misses Mabel Stewart, Muriel Rendle, White, Jack, Rose Alderson, Dorothy Pope, Matteson, May Roberts, Maclean, and Cossy. The badges of Mr. Paterson and Miss Sinzinenex were made in blue and gold; those of the rest of the nursing staff in blue and silver. Before leaving Queen Alexandra was pleased to express her approval of the arrangements made for the care of the patients, and indeed everything has been thought out in a wonderfully complete way. We may emphasise also that the nurses, who are all fully trained, receive the fee of two guineas a week, this having been stipulated by Mr. Paterson.



THE BADGE, QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S HOSPITAL, HIGHGATE.

Some day no doubt we shall hear something of the devoted and untiring work being done by the Principal Matrons of the T.F.N.S., who for months past have been working almost night and day in making efficient arrangements for the enormous number of sick and wounded men sent home for treatment. We were cruel enough to invite one of these ladies to prepare a little paper on Military Nursing and Registration for the Nursing Conference on June 17th. From her reply we learn, "I should lose what little sleep I get if I attempted

to write a paper just now. I have had no holiday for eighteen months, and then it was sick leave, so I am naturally rather tired, but one must not think of that, only of how best to keep going. I will come to the Conference if I can, and am more than ever convinced of the necessity of State Registration, chiefly on account of the necessity of improved teaching in the training schools. One expects individuals to vary in capability; some



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