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Rownham House, Southampton.—Miss Leask. Melton Mowbray.—Miss Gillett.

Breeside, Devizes .- Miss Seager, Mrs. Norton.

Mill Dane, South Shields.—Miss Luckie Smith. V.A.D. Hospital, Hayes End, Hillingdon.—Miss Pound.

Red Cross Hospital, Mortimer, Bucks.—Miss E. E. Clarke.

Earl's Colne, Essex.—Miss Hartwell.

V.A.D. Hospital, Strood, Kent.—Miss McFadden. St. Giles Hospital, near Salisbury.—Miss Playne. V.A.D. Hospital, Larchec, Uppingham.—Miss Barclay.

Red Cross Hospital, Bakewell.—Miss Mehaffy, Miss Murphy.

Hospital, Town Hall, Torquay.—Miss Dicks.

Indian Hospital, Brockenhurst.

The following Sisters have been appointed on the staff of the Indian Hospital, Brockenhurst :----Miss E. Ryman-Smith, Mrs. M. E. P. Addyman, Miss N. Bowman, Miss M. Gibbons, Miss H. B. Hand, Miss J. Hayden, Miss A. M. Higgs, Miss T. Howard, Mrs. M. Knox-Strip, Miss A. MacGibbon, Mrs. A. Moir, Miss S. Nourse, Miss G. Osbourne, Miss M. L. Rait.

Miss Keer, R.R.C. (of the Board of Matrons at St. John's Gate, E.C.), is assisting Miss Davies (Matron of the King George Hospital, S.E.), in gathering together the necessary staff. There are still vacancies for Sisters and Nurses, the Sisters being paid  $\pm 50$ ; and the Nurses,  $\pm 40$  per annum.

The Nightingale Fund, through Mr. Bonham Carter, has given £250 to the Joint Committee, to provide three nurses—one for the King George Hospital, and two for the Brigade Hospital.

The Matron of the Brigade Hospital of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which it is hoped to send to France or Belgium in the Spring, will be Miss Constance Todd, Matron of St. James' Infirmary, Balham, and the Assistant Matron, Miss Chittock, late of Guy's Hospital, and now Principal of a Nursing Home at 25, Dorset Square, W.

## ABROAD.

## NURSES FOR SERBIA.

Miss Caldwell, trained at the East London Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, who has served in Bulgaria and Montenegro, in the Balkan War, is going with Captain Bennett's party, which leaves London on the 15th inst., in Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, for Servia and Montenegro.

Miss Brown, trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, is also going to Servia, as Matron of Lady Wimborne's Unit. A Hospital Unit is now in formation, under the auspices of the Serbian Government, to go out under Mr. James Berry (Senior Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital), taking a full medical staffi nurses, and equipment; and also, if funds allow, warm clothing and other necessaries for the people. Donations should be sent to the Secretary of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., marked "Serbian Hospital Unit."

The Scotch Suffragist Red Cross Unit of four doctors and twenty-five nurses has arrived in Serbia, and is installed at Kraquiëvatz. The Americans have sent several Red Cross units to Serbia, which are doing very helpful work; and the distribution at Nish, of the gifts brought over by the American Santa Claus ship, was an immense boon. A large proportion of the presents were clothes and garments, and were absolutely needed to clothe the naked. The Serbian people have suffered untold hardships during the winter, and it is only the result of their unconquerable spirit that they have been preserved alive.]

## LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

## FROM FRANCE.

A lady who has returned to England after working for three months in a hospital for the wounded in the north of France shows how greatly trained nursing is required in voluntary military hospitals there. She writes: "A small party of us arrived full of ardour and with a great idea of organising and helping in every way. But, alas! after a few days we found that was quite hopeless. Method is the last thing thought of in a French hospital. Everyone does exactly as they like.

"Imagine a huge salle with very little light and air, unswept, spittoons in every direction, beds dirty and untidy, and the patients looking very neglected and uncared for, and about 200 ladies (untrained, of course), doing the dressings of the most serious kind. There were certainly a few religious Sisters there who were very good, but in a hospital containing 500 patients they could do but little, and had to give way to the 'Dames de France.' I shall never forget the impression my first visit gave me. It reminded me of opera bouffe. Ladies dressed in the height of the fashion, with white overalls, caps with Red Cross, some with slit skirts, silk stockings, high heels on dainty shoes, diamonds and pearls on necks, wrists and fingers. Poor French wounded ! The men soon preferred to be attended by the trained English nurses ; they soon realised the difference. The same consideration was not shown by the French surgeons to the patient as we are used to at home, and it is to be hoped that our nurses will not grow callous in helping, as I have seen an incision made with a pair of scissors, without any anæsthetic whatsoever.

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