

neighbourhood. Within 48 hours of the staff taking possession the hospital was ready for patients.

FASHIONABLE FADS AND FOIBLES.

The Paris fashion correspondent of the *Times* writes:—

"In the place of tangos and tight skirts we have hospital nursing and the Red Cross uniform. Both the occupation and the costume are as popular as the tango and the tight skirt once were; and no one will deny that they are more sympathetic and becoming. The maid-servant, the shop assistant, the actress, and the society woman have all adopted the new fashions, and each of them endows the uniform with something of her own personality. Corney Grain would have said of the Red Cross veil as he did of the Saint Bartholomew's cap, 'I had no idea that out of one cap (or veil) so many could be made.' It is really very interesting to see how variously the Red Cross uniform can be worn, and it suggests that the woman 'maketh the habit' rather than the other way round. In comparing the way different women wear the present uniform it must be owned that in France the lady of high degree wears it better than any other. The maidservant manages to look like a rather untidy housemaid, the *bourgeoise* suggests a superior cook, and the actress insists upon a touch of the footlights; only the gentlewoman is satisfied to let severity have its way, aided by carefully-dressed hair and very expensive shoes and stockings. I know several women who get up at 5.30 every morning so that they may be on duty at 8, and can thus have two hours in which to dress. They neglect none of those daily habits which give that well-turned-out look to them, no matter whether they put on a nurse's uniform or a tea-gown.

"That their work is any better done than that of the women who are less well turned out I will not say; probably it is sometimes good and sometimes bad, like most things and most people; only in their dress do we find perfection, and, as far as it goes, we may admire it. Out of doors the Red Cross uniform is not worn, and once away from the hospital the nurse melts into the ordinary woman."

The pity is that in the hospital the "ordinary woman" cannot "melt" into the highly skilled aseptic nurse, even with the aid of "carefully dressed hair, and very expensive shoes and stockings."

How thankful unpretentious, hard-working nurses will be when all these follies melt into thin air, and they are left in peace to carry on their arduous yet honourable duties in nursing sick people back to health, and when this Red Cross nursing craze, like the tango, is no longer a fashionable fad.

All the "out of works" are rushing into nursing, and the Paris midinette is the latest votary. "Mimi Pinson," as the Paris workgirl is euphoniously called, will substitute the thermometer for her needle, and she considers herself fully equipped.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

HOME HOSPITALS.

The following nurses have been sent out to Home Hospitals during the past week:—

Helperton, Trowbridge, Wilts.—Miss A. M. Leah.
St. John's Hospital, Purbeater House, Fareham.—Miss Lechmere.

Red Cross Hospital, Town Hall, Torquay.—Miss E. C. Turner.

Temporary Hospital, St. Mark's Hall, Tunbridge Wells.—Miss A. McFadden.

St. John's Hospital, Stockbridge, Hants.—Miss Taylor.

Mansfield Hospital.—Miss Viner.

Wallacefield, Coombe Lane, S. Croydon—Miss M. A. Burke.

Spalding Hall, Victoria Road, Hendon.—Miss Coughlan.

V.A.D. Hospital, Ripon.—Miss McNab.

No. 3 Temporary Hospital, Exeter.—Miss Read, Miss Buckshaw.

Red Cross Hospital, Harrogate.—Miss Service.

Auxiliary Military Hospital, Southall.—Miss Nicholls.

Trinity Hall, Sittingbourne.—Miss Cann.

St. Matthew's Hall, Harlesden.—Miss Gillirgs.

Holmbury, S. Botolph Road, West Worthing.—Miss K. Hall.

Corsham Hospital, Wilts.—Miss McCoy.

ABROAD.

The following nurses have been deputed to duty abroad:—

Servian Unit (Captain Bennett's party):—*Matron*, Miss Callwell, and Miss L. F. Appleyard, Miss Chaplin, Miss A. E. Drewe, Miss S. Macvean, Mrs. Hunt, Miss M. Watson-Wayne, Miss C. F. Grassett.

Servian Unit (Lady Wimborne's party):—Miss M. Frost, Miss Sinclair and Miss Davidson. Miss Brown, who was notified last week as *Matron* of this unit, will not form one of the party as her Territorial duties do not permit of her accompanying it. The party is expected to leave in a few days' time.

Montenegrin Unit (1).—Miss H. Rawlings, Miss E. A. Trebilcock.

Montenegrin Unit (2).—(Mrs. Reid's), Miss L. A. Allender.

HOSPITAL UNIT UNDER SERBIAN GOVERNMENT.

The first hospital unit organized in this country under the authority of the Serbian Government, left Paddington on Tuesday morning, Mr. James Berry, F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon at the Royal Free Hospital, being, as we last week reported, in charge. Mrs. Dickinson Berry, M.D., also went as a member of the unit, with Mr. Laurence Panting, Dr. Ulysses Williams, radiographer, and Miss Dorothy Chick, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. The nurses included in the party were Miss Irvine Robertson, Sister-in-Charge, and Miss Annie J. Pearce, both of whom have held the position

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