

The bath trains attached to the Russian Army are marvels of comfort and delight to the troops. The first of these trains went to East Prussia, and thence to Poland. It has accommodation for 1,200 baths daily, and many soldiers tramped forty versts to reach it.

Dr. Seymour Barling (of Birmingham), dealing in the *British Journal of Surgery*, with the rapidity and efficiency with which the sick and wounded are transferred from overseas by ambulance ships, mentions the case of patients wounded near Lille on a Saturday morning, reached the French coast on the following day, and were in London on Monday by mid-day. Owing to the splendid condition of the men at the beginning of the war, and the success of the sanitary precautions in the field, very few of the sick were really ill. The proportion of bullet wounds (53 per cent.) to those inflicted by shell and shrapnel (37.5 per cent.) in the wounded who had come under his care, was, he said, unusual, for the general experience in modern campaigns has been that artillery wounds greatly predominate over those inflicted by rifle fire.

Mr. Charles A. Pannett (of London), describes an interesting case of a soldier who had a large hole driven in the frontal region of his scalp. The wound was cleaned up, a number of bone fragments were removed, and several weeks later the man was stated to be progressing favourably. A number of cases of gun deafness have been treated, and several of neurasthenia—the two worst being men who had been wrecked in H.M.S. *Cressy*, and after a week's rest had received trifling wounds in the operations on the Belgian coast.

Dr. Oswald G. Morgan (of London), who served in a convent at Namur, describes the case of a man who, suffering from mental derangement, was haunted by an aeroplane which he followed with his finger for forty-eight hours, and only got short periods of sleep after large doses of hyoscine. Another patient used to shoot and then cover his head with his hands, his pupils widely dilated as though expecting a shell. Both men recovered. They were normally very simple agricultural people, and were probably unable to bear much mental strain without breaking down.

Another case is described by Captain Herschel Harris (of the Australian Voluntary Hospital, Boulogne), of a man, the vortex of whose skull had been shattered by a glancing wound. There was extensive paralysis of the limbs on both sides, without coma. An operation was performed at once, and the removal of the shattered splinters of bone was followed by much improvement, which continued to such an extent that ultimate recovery appeared probable.

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APPOINTMENTS.

NURSE MATRON.

Warminster and District Joint Isolation Hospital.—Miss Myra M. Forster has been appointed Matron-Nurse. She was trained at the Hounslow Hospital, and at Richmond, Heston and Isleworth Isolation Hospital, in the latter hospital holding the positions of Staff Nurse and Charge Nurse. She has also been Deputy Matron at the Chipping Sodbury Hospital, and the Devizes Isolation Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Edinburgh District Asylum.—Miss H. Harkin has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Pancras Infirmary; and has held the position of Superintendent Nurse at the Newcastle-under-Lyme Infirmary, the Hartlepool Infirmary, and the Bromley Union Infirmary.

CHARGE NURSE.

Hunslet Union, Leeds.—Miss Emily Peet has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the South Shields Union Infirmary; and from June, 1910, has held the position of Charge Nurse in the same institution to the present time.

Ecclesall Institution Infirmary, Sheffield.—Miss B. Allatt and Miss Jennetta M. Mortimer have been appointed Charge Nurses. The former was trained at the Union Infirmary, Rothwell, and the latter at the Hemsworth Union.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Emma L. Cottrell is appointed to Tottenham, Miss Ethel Heap to Buxton.

ROYAL RECOGNITION OF NURSES' SERVICES.

In recognition of the services of the five sisters of the Birmingham General Hospital who served in the Greek Army during the second Balkan War, King Constantine has presented to each nurse a diploma, a photograph of himself, and a medal. On the obverse of the medal is a representation of the King; and on the reverse appears Basil II.

PRESENTATION.

At the entertainment given to the patients in the phthisical ward at Blawarthill Hospital, N.B., a pleasant ceremony took place during an interval when the chairman of the Hospital Board, Police Judge Hogg, on behalf of Nurses Stevenson and Bryan, and the patients in the block, presented the Matron, Miss Martin, with a beautiful handbag, which Miss Martin briefly acknowledged. The chairman, in making the presentation, said that the Matron's aim was that all the patients should be well looked after, she was always striving to get all the staff to do everything possible for their comfort and convenience.

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