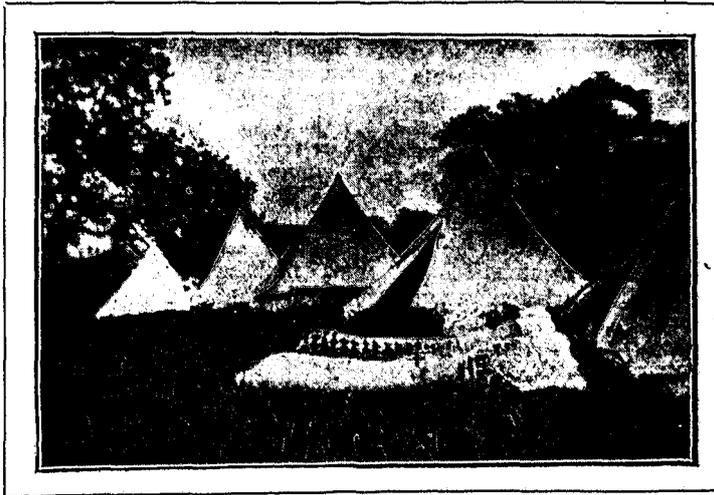


NURSING AND THE WAR.

It is notified by the War Office that nurses holding certificates for three years' training who are desirous of being employed in Military Hospitals should apply in writing, without delay, to the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., War Office, for conditions of service.

British nurses who desire to help to nurse the wounded in Italy will find in our advertisement columns on page 1, an advertisement for nurses for the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena, connected with the Polyclinic Hospital at Rome, the training school for Italian nurses established under the patronage of Queen Elena, and having Her Majesty's personal interest. This is at present the only opportunity offered to nurses in this country to help the wounded of our Italian allies. The nurses will work in connection with the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena, either at the Polyclinic Hospital, Rome, or in any other military hospital taken over by the school. The Matron, to whom application should be made, is Miss Dorothy Snell, who was trained in this country and six years ago was appointed Matron of the above training school for Italian nurses in which capacity, she has won golden opinions.



SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION OF STAFF OF STANDISH HOSPITAL.

A nurse at work in a military hospital writes:—"We have been having a most exciting time this week. On Tuesday morning the hooter went at 9.30, which means that a convoy of wounded is on its way, and will arrive in nine hours' time. All leave, passes, and other similar privileges are automatically cancelled. Well, we waited until 7.30 p.m., when we were told it was not arriving until 12.30, and we were to get what sleep we could till then. You may imagine we did not get much, and at midnight the hooter sounded again, indicating that the train would arrive in another 45 minutes. It was a weird sight, the entire hospital lighted up, and all the R.A.M.C. marching down to the station to meet the train. A great flashlight was lit in the drive to enable the doctors to see the cars when they arrived and send the patients to their separate wards. My ward had 28, all the worst stretcher cases, and the men were so tired and weary, although full

of the kindness they had received on the journey from Southampton."

The decision of the Manchester Art Gallery Committee to set aside a room at the Central Gallery as a rest room for military and Red Cross nurses has been approved by the City Council. It was stated at the meeting at which the question was considered that many of the nurses engaged in the hospitals lived some distance away from those institutions, and had no place where they could spend a leisure hour. A number of ladies had arranged to equip the room so that it might be used by the nurses for recreative purposes.

A Paris correspondent of the *Times* writes that "an innate sense of the fitness of things prevents Frenchwomen from being picturesque in their philanthropy, and, except for a brief moment at the beginning of the War, there has been no marking in France of woman's effort in good works

by any distinctive dress. The Red Cross uniform was so much abused in the early days that now it is not allowed in the streets at all, and although women of many classes are working at all sorts of things for the good of the country, we see no uniforms except the very mild attempts which the ticket punchers on the trams and the 'Metro' have adopted.

To some extent this may be explained by the fact that the average age of the women who volunteer for public work is fairly advanced, but it is more generally accounted for by the fact that the intelligence of the Frenchwoman is such that it does not allow her to 'dress up' for work as she does for play."

A number of French Canadian nurses who have been working in France are spending a holiday with their Matron, Mme. Cassault, in this country.

The question of sleeping accommodation for the nursing staff is often a difficulty in temporary hospitals, but it seems to have been satisfactorily solved, at any rate, in part, at the Standish Red Cross Hospital, Stonehouse, as the above charming illustration indicates. The Matron of the hospital is Miss C. C. du Sautoy, and experience as a Queen's Superintendent, develops resourcefulness.

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