

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

Miss Dorothy Snell, Matron of the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena at Rome, just now in this country, is able to report substantial progress during the five years the school has been in existence. Already it has trained not only capable staff nurses, but several excellent Sisters, and the work is bearing good fruit now that nurses are needed for the sick and wounded. The school has taken over between 150 and 200 beds in the Military Hospital at Verona, and it is hoped to take over more wards, so that these Italian nurses have the joy of caring for their compatriots, and the Italian soldiers of being nursed by well-trained, up-to-date, sympathetic women who speak their own language. These first fruits of the work of

when they embarked on s.s. *Balmoral* on September 26th, and on the *Norman* the following week. Great crowds assembled to wish them a safe journey and an opportunity to serve the Empire. The Springbok war-whoop, sustained on a most terrifying note—the happy, expectant gladness of the men's faces who uttered it being alone reassuring—crashed out blow upon blow. The good ships came safely to port in England, and the Sisters were dispatched through the War Office to various military hospitals in England, where they will be usefully employed gaining experience to specially fit them for service in a hospital for South African wounded, when such a hospital is organized. All nurses who volunteer from Dominions over seas, naturally long to be on active service, as near their Expeditionary Forces



A WARD FOR ITALIAN WOUNDED IN THE KING'S PALACE AT ROME.

those who have laboured so unceasingly for the efficiency of the school—Princess Doria and Mme. Maraini, as well as Miss Snell, with whom rests the responsibility of the training—must bring joy indeed to them.

Our illustration of one of the stately apartments in the Quirinal, the King's Palace at Rome, shows it devoted to the care of the wounded. The nursing arrangements at the Quirinal have been entrusted to the Roman branch of the Red Cross. The Queen has also set aside rooms in her palace at Milan with the same object, and these are also in charge of the local branch of the Red Cross.

The South African Nursing Contingents for Europe had a fine send off from Cape Town,

as possible, so as to care for "our own men," and in many cases this has been arranged. But reasonable women will realise that this is not always possible and will, we feel sure, do honour to their cloth by working willingly wherever they are sent, so long as they care for British wounded. The Springbok Badge which is the badge of the South African Contingent is, we believe, to be presented to each of the Sisters from South Africa.

A Sister writes: "We are all directly under the Imperial Government and receive the Imperial rate of pay. Those of us who are fortunate enough to belong to Government Service in S.A. are receiving an allowance to bring our salaries to the amount we usually earn. Many hospitals

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