

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

British Columbia has sent to this country for active service a hospital unit known in that province as "The Life Saving Fifth" but officially as "The Number Five Overseas General Hospital." It has an equipment for over 1,000 beds, and the staff consists of 35 physicians, 73 nurses, 201 orderlies, and others of the rank and file. The Commanding Officer is Lieut.-Colonel E. C. Hart, R.A.M.C., of Victoria. The Matron is Miss Frederica Wilson, formerly Superintendent of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and her assistants are Miss Campbell and Miss Tripp of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. All the nurses chosen were residents in British Columbia and many have won distinction in their profession,

had a hearty send-off from Marylebone station when they left to take up their duties at the Anglo-Russian Hospital, Petrograd. They will travel via Archangel. The names of the staff were published in our issue of October 9th. Miss Bates, the Assistant Matron, hopes to follow in a few weeks' time.

All hearts are just now turned to Serbia with sympathy and desire to help this gallant little country and the provision of trained nurses is receiving much anxious consideration.

Various organizations in this country have for some time been sending medical and nursing units to Serbia, and we know that they will grapple by every means in their power with the present emergency.



NURSES OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GENERAL HOSPITAL UNIT.

and some have held the position of Superintendent. We are indebted to the *Lady's Pictorial* for our illustration of some nurses of this unit.

Miss Wilson has been deputed to duty as Matron of the Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, and the hospital is to be congratulated on her appointment. Miss Wilson is very well known to her colleagues in this country as a most able Matron who did excellent organization and educational work at the General Hospital, Winnipeg, and as a very charming woman.

On Tuesday a party of doctors and the nursing staff of which Miss Irvine-Robertson is Matron,

The Serbian Relief Fund which now has its head quarters at 5, Cromwell Road, S.W., has received information that the staff of their second Farmers' Hospital was for four days under fire in Belgrade. The patients and staff were removed in safety, but the hospital was demolished, and several thousands pounds worth of stores lost.

The Scottish Women's Hospitals maintained by members and friends of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies are five in number. All contingencies have been prepared for. The hospitals will remain with the Serbian army wherever it goes, and their staffs will never desert the Serbians, but they would infinitely rather meet the Bulgars than the Germans.

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