

nearly always popular with the patients, and very kind to those who were seriously ill. I have come to the conclusion that these men were accustomed at home to the loud-voiced scoldings of their own womenkind, and learned to turn away an indifferent ear whenever anything female began to order or expostulate. Sometimes they gave me a pleasant surprise, especially if they happened to be patients themselves in our wards.

One little rough diamond—an aggravating youth with whom I had dealt faithfully when he was working in my ward, making him do his work properly, sending to fetch him back when he was slipping off for an extra hour or two off duty, and generally acting as a sort of police-woman in charge of him—when he found, some weeks after leaving us, that he was beginning to feel very ill with double pneumonia, staggered across, half delirious, from the building at the other side of the hospital grounds where he was living, and put himself to bed in my ward, without reporting himself "sick," or giving the orderly officer the chance to send him elsewhere.

I must not judge our orderlies severely. Already we have had, from the ranks of this hospital some who have died on the field of battle, killed in the far-off East whilst carrying the wounded to a place of safety; and others who have left us for hospitals abroad, where they are working hard for their country. They are always glad to go and do "their bit," and more will go in the near future.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:—

V.A.D. Hospital, Breeze Hill, Bootle.—Mrs. Thomas.

V.A.D. Hospital, Tower Rainhill, Lancs.—Miss B. Hardbottle.

Highams Military Hospital, Woodford Green.—Miss J. W. F. Lowe.

St. Mark's Hall, Tunbridge Wells.—Miss E. L. Phillips.

Greenhill Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset.—Miss H. Macdonald.

V.A.D. Hospital, Massandra House, Weymouth.—Mrs. E. Francillon.

Red Cross Hospital, Hazlewood, Ryde.—Miss M. J. Rattray.

Red Cross Hospital, Old Hastings House, Hastings.—Miss K. Rennels.

V.A.D. Hospital, Skegness, Lincs.—Miss M. Mitchell.

Laverstoke Military Hospital, Whitchurch, Hants.—Miss C. M. C. Rogers.

Red Cross Hospital, Saffron Walden.—Miss A. Pedler.

Red Cross Hospital, Alderley Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire.—Miss A. M. Jennings.

St. John's Hospital, 67, High Street, Fareham.—Miss M. Talbot.

Red Cross Hospital, Ystrad, Isaf, Denbigh.—Miss B. Williams.

Red Cross Hospital, Presteign, Radnor.—Miss R. D'Arcy.

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Red Cross Hospital, Gatcombe, Newport, I.W.—Miss M. Faithfull-Davis.

Red Cross Hospital, Normanhurst, Battle.—Miss A. M. Leslie.

St. John's Hospital, 67, High Street, Fareham.—Miss A. R. Oughterson.

Red Cross Hospital, Chippenham, Wilts.—Mrs. E. Stephens.

Red Cross Hospital, Highfield Hall, Southampton.—Miss M. P. Haine.

Red Cross Hospital, Hereford.—Miss M. M. Knox.

Red Cross Hospital No. 2, Knighton, Radnorshire.—Miss M. Gawthorpe.

Mumbles Red Cross Hospital, Swansea.—Miss Eva Smith, Miss A. F. Boys, Miss A. M. Higgs.

V.A.D. Hospital, Rosherville, Gravesend.—Mrs. L. Darley.

Wilderness Hospital, Seal, Sevenoaks.—Mrs. Alchin.

V.A.D. Hospital, Brinkburn, High House, Pauperhaugh, S.O., Northumberland.—Miss M. Hawkins.

Porthcawl, near Cardiff.—Miss S. E. Hanson, Miss S. E. Smith, Miss M. A. Kett, Miss M. Carr.

Milton House, Steventon.—Miss A. M. Lyon.

Highams Military Hospital, Woodford Green.—Miss K. B. Waters.

Yarrow Military Hospital, Broadstairs.—Miss P. M. Palmer.

Red Cross Hospital, Holmdeane, Leamington.—Miss M. J. McCarthy.

Brook War Hospital, Woolwich.—Miss E. F. Hobbs.

Mill Dam, South Shields.—Miss C. Hutchinson.

Military Hospital, Clipstone Camp, Mansfield.—Miss M. Haines, Miss L. Cormack.

Red Cross Hospital, Llandovey.—Miss Conalty.

Red Cross Hospital, Kingston Road, New Maldon, Surrey.—Miss Foster.

Vernon Institute Hospital, Great Langhall, Cheshire.—Miss S. Vincent.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Christmas Gifts for the St. John Brigade Hospital in France, and for other hospitals at Havre, are now being collected by the Special Committee of Ladies of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and those willing to help in this way should send their contributions with as little delay as possible to the Duchess of Somerset, 35, Grosvenor Square, W., as it is hoped to despatch them early in December to insure their reaching their destination in time.

As there are some 1,500 patients to provide for, too many gifts can scarcely be sent.

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