

QUEEN'S NURSES AND THE WAR.

At a meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses on December 8th, held at 58, Victoria Street, S.W., it was reported that 557 Queen's Nurses were away on duty connected with the war. In many instances the associations were working with a smaller staff, and many non-Queen's nurses were being employed temporarily.

Accommodation at the Bryn-y-Menai Home had been offered to a certain number of nurses who had been undertaking war duty, as it was felt they would much appreciate rest in these beautiful surroundings and bracing sea air.

Long service badges denoting twenty-one years' service as Queen's Nurses were awarded to Queen's Nurse Janet Dickie (Barrhead), and Queen's Nurse Sarah E. Crews (Shotley Bridge).

It is with great pleasure that we publish the accompanying picture of Miss Sarah E. Crews. The more we observe the work of Queen's Nurses, the more we appreciate and admire it, and a record of twenty-one years' devoted service to the sick poor in their own homes is one to be proud of. We congratulate Miss Crews on this well-deserved honour.

We are sorry to learn that the work of Queen's Nurses in Brighton is seriously imperilled by the serious financial position with which the local Association is at present faced, and the suspension of work in some districts is seriously considered. This would be a tragedy indeed, and we hope that the appeal made in the press by the Mayors of Brighton and Hove will bear fruit. Brighton could finance the work many times over, and still have enough and to spare. There is a suggestion of a "Flag Day," on which "many of the poorer classes would be willing to give their mite." The poor we know are ever generous, but the rich in Brighton are not yet at the end of their resources.

OVERSEAS NURSES AT THE LYCEUM CLUB.

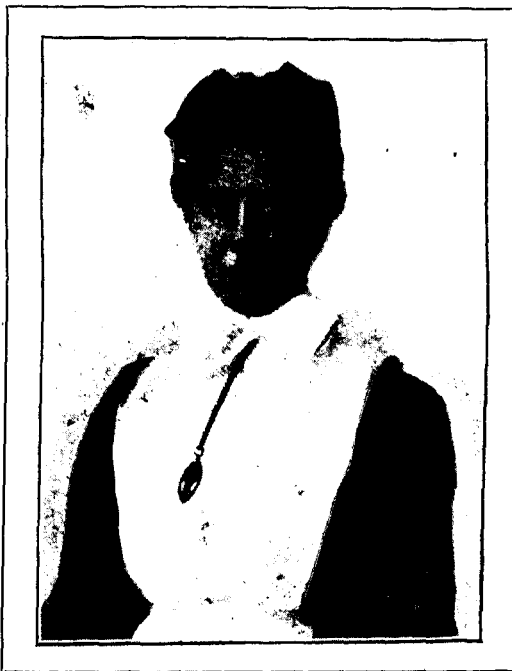
The tea party given at the Lyceum Club, 128, Piccadilly, W., to "Overseas Nurses" on Tuesday last was a great success. Australians, New Zealanders, and Canadians came from the Australian Hospital, Harefield Park, near Uxbridge, the New Zealand War Contingent Hospital at Walton-on-Thames, the Canadian Nurses' Convalescent and Rest Home in Cheyne Place, Chelsea, and elsewhere, as well as nurses engaged in war work, at the 5th London General Hospital (T.F.) at St. Thomas' Hospital, and the Westminster Hospital. The military uniforms of the

Australians and Canadians were greatly admired by members of the Club, who were present to meet them. These included Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (chair), Miss McLeod Moore, and others.

The guests were received by Mrs. Yorke Trotter, who was a charming hostess, in the Club dining-room, where tea was spread at a number of separate tables. The effect was excellent. The tables were decorated with variegated and berried holly; and bright red crackers lay on the white iced cakes, and about the tables. On a table by itself was a splendid sugared cake, which when cut revealed a depth of almond icing.

It really looked too pretty to cut, lighted up by pink wax candles, and decorated with great skill, golden sovereigns, and miniature playing cards, forming part of the scheme. On arrival, each guest was given a rod for fishing in a "pond" for packages, which contained dainty housewives, lavender bags, Turkish delight, and other desirable things.

Mr. Charles Irving sang delightfully "Mother o' Mine" and other songs, and Miss Sylvia Greenwood caused great amusement by her clever recitation, "The Bald Headed Man," and other sketches, and also by the little comedy, "The Interviewer," which she played with Miss Anne Schlessler.



MISS SARAH E. CREWS.

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