

was being held in an Eastern church made a very unpretentious service an historic event. In Mrs. Dearmer's case the service was Eastern, conducted in Serbian, and as the coffin was borne down the cathedral steps an English-speaking Serb made a funeral oration, addressing the deceased and saying how she had lived '*sans peur et sans reproche*, and died as bravely as any soldier.' Emphasis was laid on these words by the fact that the authorities had set up for her a hearse usually reserved for officers, on top of which shone the upper half of a suit of armour, and they also sent—to burn beside her all the previous day—a beautiful silver candlestick. The procession that followed her to the grave was nearly a quarter-of-a-mile long."

A Rest Room for Army Nurses and Sisters was opened at the White Rose Café, at Southampton, by the Mayoress last week. A large gathering of ladies was presided over by the Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke, and supporting her were Lady Emma Crichton, the Mayor of Southampton (Alderman W. J. Dacombe), Mrs. Wainwright (Hon. Secretary of the Rest), Miss Coaling (Superintendent, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nursing Institute), and others. The Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke explained the objects of the gathering, and expressed her deep sympathy with the movement to provide a Rest Room for the noble women who were employed on the hospital ships, ambulance trains, and in military hospitals. That room had been opened so that they might go there for rest and refreshment. The Mayoress said that she had pleasure in declaring the Rest Room open, and hoped that it would be very helpful to the nurses. The Rev. Reginald Groom said that the idea of opening a Rest Room occurred to Mrs. Wainwright, who had appealed to Queen Alexandra. The Queen-Mother had graciously replied, expressing keen interest in the work, which she wished every success, while enclosing a handsome subscription towards the expenses. Lady Emma Crichton said that she took a very great interest in all hospital ships, as well as in hospital work generally, and she also met with many sisters and nurses engaged in Red Cross work. She thought it was needful there should be some Rest locally to which they might go, and she wished

the venture every success. They were very grateful to Mrs. Wainwright and the Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke for their work. Miss Coaling gave a most interesting account of her experiences and work while nursing sick soldiers in Serbia. She was one of the first British Farmers' unit which proceeded to Belgrade with the object of tending the soldiers of our Allies who were suffering from typhus fever. In her address Miss Coaling spoke of the dangers through which she passed in her travels, and of the plight of the stricken people of Serbia. The proceedings closed with votes of thanks proposed by the Mayor.

The Nurses' Club recently opened at 82, Brunswick Street, Sheffield, is becoming increasingly appreciated by the nurses from the various hospitals. Tea is served in the premises

by the owner, Mrs. Marsh, who takes a keen interest in the comfort of the members. A charming bedroom is to be set aside for use of members. It is thought that some of the Matrons may be glad to get right away from their work for occasional week ends. Miss Payne, the Hon. Secretary, hopes to provide a piano as so many nurses are musical, and would greatly appreciate it.

The sixth annual meeting of the committee of the South Midland Division of the Territorial Force Nursing Service was held at the Birmingham Council House last week, under the

presidency of the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Neville Chamberlain).

The Principal Matron (Miss E. M. Musson) reported that on January 1st, 1915, the First Southern General Hospital occupied one building, the University, and had a total of 800 beds and an out-patient department. On January 1st, 1916, five different buildings were occupied, with a total of 3,345 beds, and the same out-patient department. The number of patients treated was 30,501—officers, 235; men, 30,266. The number of patients treated at the out-patient department was 9,827. The results of treatment had been very satisfactory; the number of deaths was 95, or 0.32 per cent.

The Lady Mayoress, in moving the adoption of the report, said they were all united in the greatest admiration for the work which had been under-



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