

taken by the Service all over the country, and especially in Birmingham. Birmingham's was the second largest unit in the country, and they had good reason to be proud of it. She expressed their regret at the loss they had sustained in the death of Miss Buckingham, and their great appreciation of the splendid work which had been undertaken by Miss Musson and her staff.

The Mayor of Bath writes to say that Miss Hope, 10, Circus, Bath, will be glad to help nurses, suffering from rheumatism and kindred complaints, who have lost health on active service, for which the Bath waters provide such wonderful relief and cure, to find suitable accommodation in the way of board and lodging. Nurses have found this a great difficulty.



HOSPITAL TRAIN STAFFED BY INDIAN ORDERLIES.

INDIAN ORDERLIES EXCELLENT.

Writing from Egypt a Sister who in the early days of the War worked amongst the Indian sick and wounded, and others, says that one of her chief duties was to train the Indian orderlies for their duties in nursing in any emergency which might arise and that when the sick and wounded arrived from the Dardanelles it was proved how valuable the training had been. "They certainly repaid us, for they were very good." She writes of the terrible shortage of skilled nurses, and excepting for the Indians, she had no trained help as Night Sister. When the first rush of wounded were landed she writes that the help of the volunteers was splendid. They did as they were told, fetched and carried. "There was not time for frills." Later this Sister worked on a hospital train staffed by Indians, and found them admirable.

NURSING A DEAD ART.

The rumour that it is proposed to stop Army Sisters' allowances has aroused a very sore feeling amongst many of the Sisters abroad. One writes: "You know there has been a rumour of our getting all our allowances stopped and only the £40-£50 a year being paid to us. It is being settled now, I believe, and the nurses are very indignant and most of them say they will resign if this injustice is done. You know that all the V.A.D.'s get the same allowances as we do, and we highly-trained nurses only get paid £1 13s. 4d. a month more than they do. The whole salary and allowances come to £15-£16 a month, and that means that every V.A.D. sent out costs the country nearly £15 a month.

"If I were a nurse in any of the home hospitals, I would a thousand times sooner come out here as a V.A.D.; they get the same work exactly, and their pay is very little less.

"Nursing is a dead art, and if hundreds can qualify in three months, it was devilish of those hospital authorities at home to demand four years of the best years of our lives, and the whole strength to the limit of our mind, body and spirit, all for the sake of doing what hundreds of young girls are now highly paid for doing, after spending at the most three months in hospital wards—or in many cases without hospital experience at all. It has made many of us bitterly indignant.

"This reduction of salary they are trying to effect with the nurses in France they would not dream of attempting with the medical men—only with the women, who have little time for recreation and relaxation from exhausting duty, and who work much harder than the doctors. Men combine against such injustice, but women have not the courage to combine, poor things. They are so helpless; many have no homes or money."

The Queen Alexandra Hospital, situated in the splendid Dmitri Palace at Petrograd, has been opened with much ceremony in the presence of the Dowager Empress and other members of the Imperial Family. Miss Irvinge-Robertson, trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is the head of the nursing staff of some thirty members, several of whom have a good knowledge of the Russian language.

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