

and to whom the *Gazette* states that "we are indebted, not only for her wise counsel since mobilisation, but for the excellent staff of nurses she has provided for the unit." As it should be there are some amusing skits and stories in the *Gazette*. Poor 'Opkins!—the Orderly was a sad substitute for the Chaplain, and the temperament of the Sister in the following story would be admirably suited for service very close to the firing line—bombs, bullets, shrapnel, and gas would, we imagine, find her unperturbed.

"Salisbury Road, Ward 3.—Timid Patient: 'Sister, is it absolutely necessary for me to have an operation?'" Sister: 'No, but it's customary'"!

Miss Tait McKay, the Matron, has evidently a very interesting and useful charge, and her good work has recently received recognition by the award of the R.R.C.

It was mentioned by Sir Richard Owen, at the annual meeting of the Paddington Green Children's Hospital, that members of the Overseas Club War Relief Needlework Guild, at Berkeley, California, gave a performance and sent the proceeds (£42) to be devoted to the naming of a cot in the hospital "In memory of that splendid countrywoman of ours, Nurse Edith Cavell."

The National Union of Trained Nurses has now a great many representatives in Russia, as all the nurses for the N.U.W.S.S. Refugee Units are members of the Union.

The work began with the opening of a Maternity Hospital in Petrograd, but has rapidly developed. A Children's Convalescent Home is to be opened at Souida, near Petrograd, where Miss Hutchinson will be in charge. An ambulance is being opened in Galicia for the infectious cases, with Miss Roberts as Matron; a Fever Hospital and Children's Hospital in Kazan, on the banks of the Volga, with Miss Percival as Matron, and it is hoped that other hospitals in the province of Kazan under the Zemstvo or County Association may be opened before long.

The National Union of Trained Nurses has also been approached with regard to the introduction of the English system of nursing into a hospital in Moscow. Nothing has been definitely settled, but the Union is hoping to send a unit out later on this important national work.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

A carpentering department has now been added at the British Red Cross working centre in Portman Square, and voluntary workers desirous of assisting in that department or in the bandage, slipper, swab, linen, needlework or knitting rooms, are invited to call at 29, Portman Square. Splendid consignments of hospital stores and clothing are constantly being sent abroad.

Owing to constant breakages of china in the ordinary household, thus rendering incomplete dinner services and tea services, many housewives must have in their possession odd pieces of china for which they have no further use, and which they will be glad to get rid of. They may be interested to know that any odd cups, saucers,

vegetable dishes, table glasses, &c., will be welcomed as contributions to the great War Fair, due at the Caledonian Market, N., on June 6th and 7th, in aid of the funds of the Wounded Allies Relief Committee, of Sardinia House, Kingsway, W.C., particulars of which will be gladly sent to any applicant writing for the same to the above address.



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An anonymous donor has acquired Erskine House for the purposes of carrying on the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers, and at a meeting at Glasgow the house and grounds were offered to, and accepted by the

Committee of the Hospital. It is a splendid gift, and we are glad to see that the Lord Provost has received additional subscriptions amounting to £637 19s. 10d. towards the funds of the hospital. It makes the heart ache to see everywhere splendid young men without legs and arms, and otherwise mutilated, and it is the duty of every citizen for whom they have suffered such irreparable loss, to make the lives of these men, handicapped for wage earning, as happy and comfortable as possible.

Captain Frederic G. A. Arkwright, 11th Hussars and R.F.C., killed near Glamis Castle last autumn during a flight, left £50 to Miss Morgan, nurse at the Cottage Hospital, Ashbourne, "when I was ill there in 1912."

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