

with the following gifts:—Opal pendant and chain, from the Commandant; silver antique caddy spoon, from the Assistant Commandant and the Quartermaster; leather bag, from the trained nurses; and copper caffeta coffee maker, Worcester china coffee cups and beaten iron tray, from the Voluntary Aid Detachments members, with the accompanying inscription: "To Matron. A small token of grateful appreciation of the great kindness she has shown, during the past year, to the V.A.D.'s of Standish Red Cross Hospital, and wishing her all success in the future."

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for Home Service:—

Red Cross Hosp., Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire.—Miss E. A. Rattray.

Red Cross Hosp., Minehead.—Miss E. Cordner.

Heywood Mil. Hosp., Cobham.—Miss E. Mason.

Military Hosp., Merstham.—Miss K. Townshend.

The Canadian War Hospital, Walmer.—Miss E. Day.

Carnwath House, Lanarkshire.—Miss E. S. Deekes.

Red Cross Hosp., Harlow.—Miss H. Clarke.

Braeside Hosp., Loughton.—Mrs. A. L. Walker.

Regent's Park Hosp., Southampton.—Miss A. Ward, Mrs. E. M. Oliver.

Hospital for Facial Injuries.—Miss E. Callwell, Mrs. S. Hally, Miss E. Lampen.

V.A.D Hosp., St. Fagan House, Cardiff.—Miss E. B. Wilkins.

Loversall Aux. Mil. Hosp., Doncaster.—Miss H. C. M. Ross.

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Jeffrey Hall, Monk St., Sunderland.—Miss K. Greenway.

Red Cross Hosp., St. Anne's, Lewis.—Miss A. L. Cope.

Gifford House, Roehampton.—Miss H. Murrell.

V.A.D. Hosp., Rosherville.—Miss I. Robinson.

Bowden Aux. Mil. Hosp., Nottingham.—Miss A. Kane.

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Aux. Mil. Hosp., Southwell, Notts.—Miss E. Parsons.

Southwood Aux. Hosp., Eltham.—Miss E. Richardson.

V.A.D. Hosp., King's Weston, Bristol.—Miss M. E. Speight.

V.A.D. Hosp., Urmston, Eastbourne.—Miss H. Monteath.

Aux. Hosp., Springhall, Halifax.—Miss M. V. Wells.

Star and Garter Hosp., Richmond.—Miss E. Foster Blake.

ABROAD.

Le Touquet.—Miss E. M. Bristowe.

Boulogne.—Miss L. H. Oakley, Miss F. I. Steggall, Miss A. G. Haugh.

SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES' ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held at No. 1, Wimpole Street, W. (by the kind permission of the Royal Society of Medicine), on Thursday, June 8th, at 4 p.m., when the President will speak on the State Registration of Nurses up to date.

As it is most important that the members should realize the issues involved at the present time, she hopes they will make every effort to be present.

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer, those attending the meeting are invited to tea at its conclusion, at 2, Portland Place, W.

A FEW HOME TRUTHS.

The letter under the above heading which we published last week appears to have aroused an unusual amount of strong feeling to judge from the number of indignant letters received, some of which we print this week. We are not surprised to receive indignant expressions concerning the letter in question, but it cannot be condemned as altogether imaginary. There is no doubt that, presumably from lack of organization, the young, untrained War Probationers known as "V.A.D.'s" have been placed in positions of responsibility abroad, to fill which there would have been no difficulty in finding highly qualified nurses, and that the vain and unbalanced amongst them have become a little *l'ête montée* is by no means extraordinary when we read the following eulogy concerning them, signed by five Colonels in the Army Medical Service, at Valetta, Malta, which appeared quite recently in the fortnightly Summary of Work by the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John:—

"NOTE ON THE WORK OF THE V.A.D. NURSES IN MALTA.

"Immediately on their arrival these nurses were posted to the various hospitals where we daily met them at work. From our own observation of the manner in which they performed the duties assigned to them, we are of opinion that they more than justified the trust reposed in them.

"We found them to be well acquainted with the ordinary methods of medical and surgical nursing and with the preparation of surgical dressings. They were well disciplined, alert in recognising unfavourable symptoms, and, whilst losing no time in sending for assistance, were capable themselves of rendering efficient first aid.

"Perhaps a few examples will convey a more accurate impression than the foregoing general opinions.

"One of these nurses was attached to the operating theatre of a large surgical hospital taking full charge during the absence of the Sister, and emergency cases not infrequently arose

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