

the conclusion of the war, the date of which is uncertain. The Committee has offered the post to Miss Pearson, who has been temporarily acting as matron.

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### PRESENTATION.

Miss M'Gillivray, Matron of the Town and County Fever Hospital, Wick, one of the Scottish nurses who gave their services in aid of the stricken Serbians, has been publicly presented by the people of the town and county with a purse of money in recognition of her personal worth, her patriotic conduct, and her valued professional services.

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### A "CAMP" FOR NURSES.

The annual Camp for Nurses, arranged by the Nurses' Missionary League, began on Wednesday (the 14th) and lasts till the 28th. A "camp" does not necessarily live under canvas, and this one is housed in a picturesque old house: Old Jordan's Hostel, near Beaconsfield, Bucks. It is in the midst of lovely country. A good number of nurses have registered, but room could still be found for more. If any of our readers have a few days off duty they should write for particulars to Miss Macfee at the above address; or (if time forbids this) go unannounced to Beaconsfield Golf Links Halt by one of the following trains:—from Paddington, 9.27 a.m.; from Marylebone, 10.30, 11.25, 12.55, 3.7, or 4.50. They will be gladly welcomed at the Hostel.

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### QUEEN'S NURSES' BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Annual Meeting of members of the Queen's Nurses' Benevolent Fund will be held at the Offices of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, at 58, Victoria Street, on June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. We are glad to note that the meeting is to be held at the official headquarters, as the question of pensions for Queen's Nurses is one in which every member of the Council should take a deep personal interest.

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### THE X-RAY.

#### AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

"What topsy-turvy men, alas!  
Who better see through wood than glass!  
And, given a Merry Widow hat,  
Show but the wires and pins of that!  
And are your fluoroscopic eyes  
To all our foibles just as wise?  
You 'see through us,' 'tis my belief,  
Shoe-pegs to unerupted teeth!  
What if no pericardium stays,  
Outside the heart, your wizard's gaze;  
Then shall your new mysterious ray  
Snatch all our mystery away.  
You scare us so that we would fain  
Go hide behind—a window frame!"

## NURSING ECHOES.

We have to thank Mr. Arthur S. Squarey for a most kind donation of £1 1s. (per Miss Jeane Macdonald, R.N.S.), and Miss F. M. Roberts, R.N.S., for 10s., for the fund for Nurse N., which now amounts to £19 16s.

Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., has now vacated the position of Matron of the First London General (City of London) Hospital, St. Gabriel's College, Camberwell, and taken up her work as Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which has a temporary office at Guy's Hospital, S.E. Miss M. L. Appleyard is in office as Matron at St. Gabriel's College, and Miss G. Cowlin as Assistant Matron. Both hold the certificate of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss Appleyard has also been Matron of the Salop Infirmary, and of St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C., and has been working as a Sister on the staff of the First London General Hospital; Miss Cowlin has also been on the staff of the hospital since its mobilization. It will be remembered that some five years ago Miss Cowlin went to New York, and took the course in Hospital Economics at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Those nurses who from week to week enter for our prize competitions will be interested to hear that the Matron of a hospital recently told us that it was her practice to take the prize papers as the basis of classes for probationers. We commend the idea to others, and think that it should stimulate competitors to do their very best when they know that they are taking part in the education of their juniors. We also consider it a distinct compliment to the high professional standard and literary merit of the papers sent in.

The interesting article "Repatries" which appeared in our issue of June 3rd was written "By a member of the National Union of Trained Nurses." We hope we may receive more articles from the same eloquent pen.

Dr. Passmore, Medical Superintendent of the Croydon Mental Hospital, commenting in his annual report on the question of the employment of women nurses in male wards in asylums, writes:—"To my mind, the work is degrading to refined women." No work for the physically or mentally sick is degrading, but ennobling to those who regard it aright. Until women of refinement claimed their right to care for the sick in the wards of general hospitals,

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