

We are officially informed that the following nurses who have been working in Serbia, in connection with the Serbian Relief Fund, have safely arrived at home:—

*December 22nd.*—Miss Bird, Miss Downer and Miss Stewart (Stobart Hospital), Miss Bunyañ, Miss Helsey and Miss Spooner (Christitch).

*December 23rd.*—Misses Collins, Hall, Henley, Hill, Kennedy, Price, Smith-Lewis, Wren and Wells, and three Danish Sisters.

We hope they spent a happy Christmas after their arduous experiences.

We regret to record the death of Miss Lorna

Serbia's medal and diploma have been sent to the nurse's parents. Much sympathy will be felt with the parents and relatives of the deceased nurse, whose life has been laid down in the discharge of her duty.

The hospitals in Egypt are all very busy again, many cases of frost-bite from Salonica, Serbia, and the Dardanelles arrive at Alexandria. Convalescent cases were greatly excited recently at the chance of being in England by Christmas Day. We were glad to note that a large number of sick and wounded arrived at Plymouth from the Near East just in time for this day of festivity.

It appears to us that even the Sphinx looks surprised at this picturesque party of British nurses enjoying a ride in the desert. It is certainly a very novel sight.

At the last Council meeting of the Australian Trained Nurses Association, Dr. Constance D'Arcy drew attention to the gossip which was current about Army Nurses in Egypt—gossip which seemed to grow stronger each day, notwithstanding the most authoritative denials. It was decided



EVEN THE SPHINX LOOKS SURPRISED.

Ferris—trained at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich—while on nursing service in Serbia, from enteric fever. Writing to her parents, Dr. Percy Dearmer says that "in camp she had won the affection and esteem of all, and was one of the best, most willing and efficient nurses." She was buried with full military honours, and H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Serbia was represented by his secretary and the Captain of his Bodyguard.

The service was conducted by the British chaplain in the Cathedral at Kragujevatz, by special permission of the Metropolitan of Belgrade, this probably being the first time in history that an English service has been held in a church of the Eastern Orthodox Communion. The King of

that the Association should send a communication to the press, repeating what had been said by Colonel Fetherston at the meeting of Army Matrons in Melbourne. Colonel Fetherston asserted most emphatically that there was not the slightest atom of truth in the allegations of misconduct on the part of Australian nurses in Egypt. Miss Creal, the Acting Principal Matron in Sydney, confirmed at the Council this statement of the Director-General, and "it is sincerely to be hoped," says the *Australasian Nurses' Journal*, "that we shall hear no more of these cruel tales behind the backs of women who are working valiantly for their country."

We echo the hope.

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