

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

We are informed that the War Office is appealing to civil hospitals to permit some of their probationers who have had a certain amount of training to take up service in military hospitals.

The appeal of the British Red Cross Society for Nurses for the military hospitals has resulted in several thousands of applications from women with various qualifications. Applications from trained nurses at 83, Pall Mall, S.W., and from women willing to work as V.A.D. nursing members, at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, W., are still welcome.

Miss Swift believes that there is still a *clientele* to be drawn upon in trained nurses who have retired or married, but who may be willing to serve in the present emergency.

Miss B. Atkinson, who came to England last August from Western Australia, to join the Q.A.I.M.N.R., is now returning by the hospital ship *Marathon*, accompanied by Sister Griffiths. She was recently awarded the Royal Red Cross, but was unable to receive it from the King on account of illness. Miss Becher, Matron-in-Chief, went to Netley to make the presentation; and amongst those present were Col. Reid, Major Russell, Major Brambly, the Rev. Mr. Bemford (chaplain at Netley), Miss Reid (matron at Netley), Miss St. Quinton (matron at Brockenhurst), Sisters Findlater, Moxon, R.R.C., Epton, R.R.C., Tyrrell, R.R.C., Brace and Griffiths.

Miss Mary C. Stewart, R.N., Matron of the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, Beachborough Park, Shorncliffe—the country seat of the late Sir Arthur Markham, whose death is so much regretted—and recently elected a member of the Matrons' Council, graduated from the Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Canada, and afterwards held the post of head nurse at the Pavilion, Genealogical Department, for a period of seven

months. She resigned to accept the superintendence of hospital and nurses at the Marian Sims Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, and held the latter position for ten years, at which time the Marian Sims Hospital affiliated with the Chicago Polyclinic Hospital and the Henrotin Memorial Hospital. Her position was then that of Superintendent of the Henrotin Memorial, and Superintendent of Nurses for the Henrotin Memorial and the Chicago Polyclinic. This latter position she resigned on August 4th, 1914, to take a much-needed vacation,

which was spent in Canada and California. She came to England in December last to accept the post of Matron at the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital.

Miss Stewart is a Charter member of the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses, and of the Illinois Nurses' Education League, and a permanent member of the American Nurses' Association, and of the National League of Nursing Education.

Mrs. Furse, the Commandant-in-Chief of the Voluntary Aid Detachments, who has just returned from a tour of inspection in France, writes in her report, published in the *Red Cross* :—

"V.A.D. members run the Nurses' Clubs in several places, and here again is real generosity. In one which we visited two members had been on duty solidly for a year or more. The Club is composed of huts set on a sand dune by the sea. The members sleep in tents pitched on the sand near the huts. This sounds ideal in weather such as we have had lately. But they faced it through last

winter, when storms were blowing off the Atlantic across the sand dunes. There is but little glamour and no apparent heroism, and certainly no advertisement in such work; but it competes nobly with the work of the members who are doing dressings.

"A little garden had been created in the sand. Nasturtiums, heliotrope and mignonette were growing round the club, to greet the tired nurses



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