

from the hospitals. If ever anything would win the confidence of trained nurses in V.A.D. members, it is work like this—devotion to the sick and wounded shown in the kindly care of those who are trained to tend them.

"Forgive me for not having worked this up better. We have been very busy at Devonshire House lately, and we are all tired. We are also disappointed and discouraged, because we have 500 vacancies in military hospitals which we cannot fill. Had anyone told me two years, or even one year ago, that any English women would allow English wounded to remain neglected because they were reluctant to give up their time to waiting on them, I should have denied the possibility. Yet this is now the case. They tell me that in some places girls who are independent are still playing tennis by day and dancing in the evenings. If any V.A.D. members who read this know such women, I beg that they will send me their names and addresses, in order that I may appeal to them.

"No work is too menial, no sacrifice too great for the men who are giving all they have to give for the women of the Empire.

"Will any women fail to make the sacrifice when they are told of the necessity?"

"THE BED OF MY LADY NICOTINE."

Mrs. Soutar, Collector for "The Bed of My Lady Nicotine," in the Scottish Women's Hospital at Ajaccio, has sent to the Press the following letter containing an account of its occupant sent by Mr. J. Simpson, Orderly.

"A very interesting case lies here—an old man of 55—not old in reality, but I call him old, because he looks much older than his years; he has gone through such terrible times. His name is Zexeme Beyevitch, and he sits cross-legged on his bed smoking cigarettes like a Turk. He likes to be questioned about his past life, and it has, indeed, been an eventful one.

"He was a Serbian Comitadji—a sort of brigand—and in 1904, when Serbia and Turkey were at war, he was taken prisoner, and remained a captive in Turkey three long years, during which time he was subjected to horrible tortures. His teeth were extracted one by one, his arms bound behind his back, he was beaten, and he was burnt with hot irons, all this to make him tell the Turks the hiding place of the Comitadjis; but in vain, for nothing they could do would make him betray his comrades. He speaks five languages—Serbian, Greek, Armenian, Albanian and Hebrew—and when well enough he hopes to go to Salonika, and act as an interpreter to General Sarrail.

"Before the present war he was employed in Macedonia as a Serbian propagandist, and he received a pension from the Serbian Government. His great grandfather and the present King of Serbia's grandfather (George Karavitch) were employed together as waggoners. When war broke out he left his home and walked to Salonika, a long way for a broken-down man. It took him three days, and then he came to Ajaccio with the refugees."

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

HOME HOSPITALS.

Under the auspices of the Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, the following Nurses have been deputed to service in Home Hospitals:—

Holborn Red Cross Hosp., Holyhead.—Miss Hannah J. Williams.

Thorney Hill Aux. Hosp., Bransgore, Hants.—Miss Gwendoline Daly.

The Hatchlands, E. Clandon, Guildford.—Miss Katherine Wilkinson.

Brabyn's Aux. Mil. Hosp., Maple Bridge, Cheshire.—Miss Edith J. Macgregor, Miss K. O'Keefe.

Red Cross Hosp., Hale End, near Woodford, Essex.—Miss Louisa J. Paine.

Northwood V.A.D. Hosp., Middlesex.—Mrs. N. M. Jennings, Miss Katherine Farrington.

Homestead Hosp., Lyminster, Hants.—Miss Lydia Lanphier.

Red Cross Hosp., Tewkesbury.—Miss Charlotte Beeton.

V.A.D. Hosp., Strood, Kent.—Miss Mary Green, Miss M. Gordon.

Cyngfeld V.A.D. Hosp., Kingsland, Shrewsbury.—Miss Minnie T. Wordsworth.

Red Cross Hosp., Nelley Abbey, Nelley.—Miss Violet M. Kirby.

Chiveley Park Hosp., Newmarket.—Miss E. E. Skinner.

V.A.D. Hosp., Urmston, Blackwater Road, Eastbourne.—Miss Amelia Murray.

Red Cross Hosp., Wincanton, Somerset.—Miss E. K. Good.

V.A.D. University Hosp., 23, Banbury Road, Oxford.—Miss A. E. Andrews.

Amphill Park, Amphill, Beds.—Miss Clara Moore, Miss M. Coward.

Maesteg Cottage Hosp., Bridgend, Glam.—Miss E. M. Jones.

Aux. Mil. Hosp., Buruage Lane, Levenshulme, Lancs.—Mrs. A. Murray, Miss E. Head.

Bowood Red Cross Hosp., Calne, Wilts.—Miss Hilda Sewart, Miss Bessie G. Read, Miss B. C. Grant.

V.A.D. Hosp., Weymouth.—Miss Eleanor Slane.

Cliff House Hosp., Caversham, Reading.—Miss C. L. Travis.

No. 5 Temp. Hosp., Exeter.—Mrs. D. Unwin.

Tappington Grange, Red Cross Hosp., Wadhurst, Sussex.—Mrs. T. Brochie.

Red Cross Hosp., Wymondham.—Miss Olive Attridge.

Gifford House, Roehampton.—Mrs. A. L. Pywell.

Holnest Hosp., Sherborne, Dorset.—Miss S. A. Prickett.

West Hall V.A.D. Hosp., Tunbridge Wells.—Mrs. E. France.

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