

is a member of the private nursing staff at the London Hospital, where she was trained, and was posted at mobilisation to the military hospital in Belfast as Sister-in-Charge. Shortly afterwards she was promoted to her present rank of Matron.

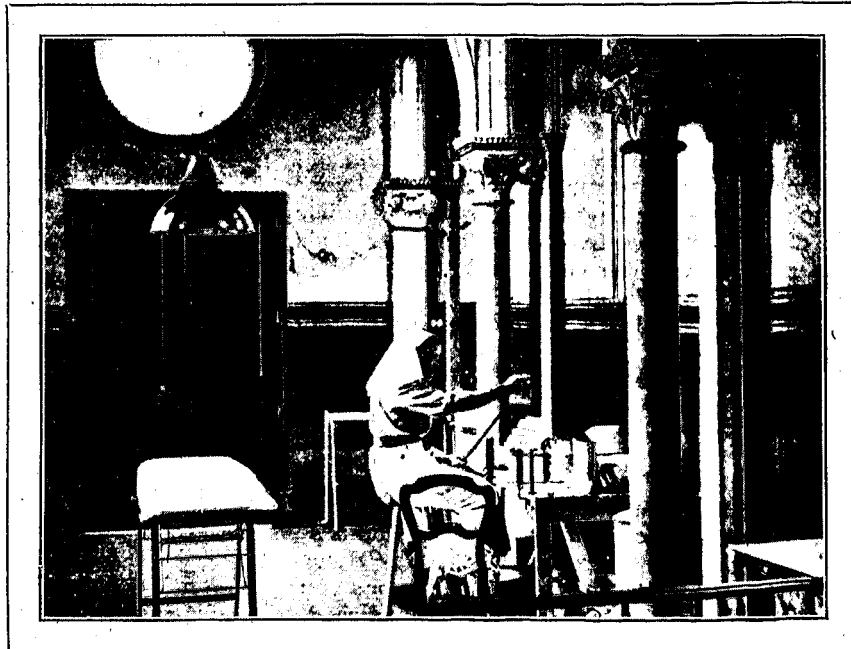
Some of the delegates to the Allies' Conference, including Lord Revelstoke and Sir J. Hanbury-Williams, recently visited the Anglo-Russian Hospital at Petrograd, where there are 160 wounded. The visitors were received by the acting Matron, Miss Gorrie, and Dr. Flavelle, who has just returned from the Carpathians, where a field detachment of the hospital is working under Dr. Aspland.

The Ladies' Committee, St. John of Jerusalem, hold many interesting monthly meetings at St. John's Gate, when after a report of all the good work being done, some special war-worker addresses the meeting. Last week Mr. C. B. Palmer told us of "Glorious France," in connection with the efforts throughout the country which are being made for the alleviation of the sick and wounded. He spoke very enthusiastically of the *Spirit* of France, all that is being done by rich and poor to win the war by self-denial and hard work, and of the various societies caring for the sick. Mr. Palmer visits hospitals throughout France for the Comité de Londres, Croix Rouge Française, and had great praise for many things. We could not, of course, agree with an opinion he quoted of one of our R.A.M.C. officers that the work of the "Dames," however devoted, is equal to that of the best-trained English Nurses. We wondered what of the personal cleanliness and comfort of the patient, which is the very pith of Nursing, and which we know is not so highly considered in French Military Hospitals as in those under English rule. Of surgical technique we need say nothing—the French ladies often excel in that branch. We think Nursing should be inspected by a Trained Nurse.

Lady Perrott always inspired by generous thought for the Sisters had on view a lovely trench coat, waterproof and fleece lined, to be sent as a gift to the Night Superintendent at the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital at Etaples,

where the cold has been surpassing terrible during the winter. There was a little money over from the Christmas Gift Fund, so this very necessary garment and screens are to be supplied. Miss Ethel Deane, late of *The Queen*, is now Quartermaster and in charge of the Supply Depot at Halkyn House, Belgrave Square, S.W., where stores are gathered, and garments made for the Brigade Hospital. She is in need of helpers who can attend regularly from 10 to 1 daily, as there is an enormous amount of work to be done to keep the hospital equipped.

Miss M. Wilkinson, Matron, and about 40 V.A.D. nurses of the Perth Red Cross Hospital have resigned. It is understood that the resignations are the result of the re-arrangement of



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conditions, in the possible success of which the resigning members express their disbelief. That there is something more than meets the eye seems clear from the fact that the Duchess of Atholl, President of the Perthshire branch of the British Red Cross Society has stated in the press that any rumours reflecting on the personal character of the Matron and Staff are entirely without foundation, and that the resignations were spontaneous, and much regretted by the Committee. To circulate unfounded rumours reflecting on the personal character of professional people is a serious matter by whomsoever started, and we hope the B.R.C.S. will take steps to protect trained nurses working under its authority from this insidious and despicable form of detraction. Nothing can be meaner.

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