

In the afternoon the Unit visited St. Thomas' Hospital by invitation, and were received by the Matron, Miss Lloyd Still and others. In the Great Hall a further welcome awaited them from the Treasurer, Mr. Wainwright, after which they were conducted round the wards, both of St. Thomas' Hospital and the 5th London General Hospital (T.F.) tucked away between its pavilions; and the preliminary training home, where some twenty candidates, at a time, during a six weeks' course are instructed in the principles underlying the practice of nursing, and in their application, before proceeding to the wards for training.

Tea was served in the Nightingale Home, the nurses examining with reverent interest the statue and bust of Miss Florence Nightingale enshrined there, as well as the framed drawing for the Nightingale Medal recently struck, and which is presented, with her name engraved round its edge, to the nurse who is head of her year. Before the nurses separated, Mr. Minet, President of the Nightingale Fund, addressing them as "Sisters," said, if he chose that word it was not only because of its technical meaning but because it sent to our lips the word which was ringing through our hearts. They had come from New England to old England, and they were now standing in the shrine to which all good nurses wished to come—the place founded by Miss Nightingale as an example of what ought and should be done in regard to the education of nurses, a place from which her fame had gone

out to all lands. They were there because the call of the blood had brought them. We thanked them from the bottom of our hearts, and in the work awaiting them we knew that we could trust our sick and wounded to their tender hands, and that the Sisters, British and American, would all work together for the achievement of a common end.

At the dinner at Derby House in honour of the Unit, which took place later, Miss Allison was placed between Lord Derby and the Surgeon-General. We hear that the medical staff of the hospital have stated that while they themselves were pleased with their cordial reception, what pleased them most was that the nurses should have received so much recognition.

At Waterloo Station on Thursday morning there were present to speed the parting guests the Matrons-in-Chief of the Military and Territorial Force Nursing Services, Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Cox-Davies and others. A touching offering to Miss Allison was a bouquet of roses from a member of the Pilgrims' Club with five sons at the Front.

Miss Becher then presented Miss Allison with a lovely bouquet of roses tied with the Army colours, and each member of the Unit with a spray of forget-me-nots relieved with white, tied with a knot of Army ribbon, and Miss Breay was there with copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING just out.

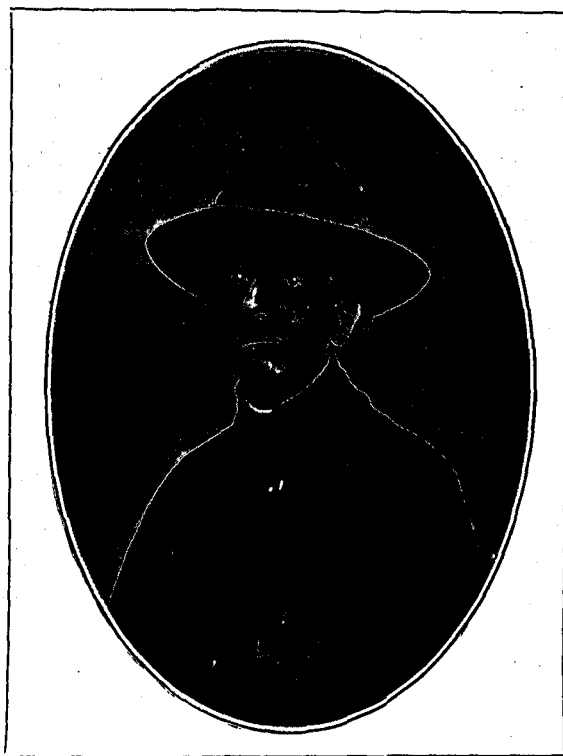
As the train which carried the Unit steamed out of the station one realised how valuable was the *personnel* of sixty-five thoroughly trained and registered nurses aboard, and how precious a gift they bore in their skilled hands.

#### THE HARVARD UNIT.

The Harvard Unit, which was twelve and a-half days on the way, arrived in London on May 23rd, Miss Carrie M. Hall being in charge of the nursing section. Miss Hall is Superintendent of Nurses, of the Nurse Training School at the Peter Brent Brigham Hospital, Boston, that most up-to-date hospital of which an account was given in this journal a short time ago, written by Miss B. Kent, who, with Miss Hulme, was there most delightfully entertained when as delegates of the National Council of Trained Nurses they attended the San Francisco Conference in 1915. Major Patterson is in command, and

Major Harvey Cushing, Medical Reserve Corps, U.S. Army, a great brain specialist, is Director of the professional staff. The Unit is the first to leave America "fully uniformed."

The following is the Roster of the United States Army Base Hospital No. 5, organized from American Red Cross Base Hospital Unit No. 5 (Harvard, Boston): Miss Carrie M. Hall, Matron; Miss Hanna S. Peterson, Assistant Matron; and Misses Jane A. Barker, Mary Birnie, Christina L. Burns, Rose K. Butler, Ethel G. Brooks, Eleanor E. Brewer, Anna P. Caine, Dorothea A. Carlstrom, May G. Coakley, Sarah V. Case, Ruth De M. Conklin, Dorothy Cunningham, Rose A. Cunningham, Virginia R. Clendenin, Phyllis M. Dacey,



MISS CARRIE M. HALL, MATRON HARVARD UNIT,

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)