March, 1917, with an average of 20.7 beds in daily occupation, it was 18s. 2d. The average length of stay in hospital of patients was 32.5 days, and average cost per officer £31 9s. 6d. The total maintenance expenditure for the year was

£13,783 19s. 3½d.

For this sum separate rooms, excellent food, and highly skilled nursing—the latter a justifiably costly item—are provided. The thoroughly trained Sisters are paid £2 2s. a week. I fear we shall have no statistics to tell us at the end of the war how many lives and limbs, and how many minds rebalanced, have been saved by skilled nursing, nor how many lost for the lack of it; but sick and wounded who have experience of the trained touch, and the resulting comfort and wellbeing, are sincerely grateful to those who minister to them.

The work of the Nursing Staff at Queen Alexandra's Hospital at Highgate, under the sympathetic management of the Matron, Miss M. C. Sinzininex, is sterling and thorough, and we personally know one patient who sincerely appreciated the skill, kindness and consideration he received at their hands.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

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TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

(Overheard by a Professional Reporter.)

At the inspection of an Officers' Hospital by a Royal Princess.

Commandant in dainty white uniform à l'Americaine, white silk stockings, suède shoes, and rope of pearls) whispers to Matron, "Follow me, Matron—at a respectful distance!"

The uniforms of the American Women's Red Cross transport service consist of grey coats, caps like the British Royal Flying Corps, and leather puttees.

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