

unequal merit, the best being those supplied with "double Hopper" windows, which afforded the best ventilation. We were glad to hear that the men from the Colonies were mixed with their British companions in the hospital as on the battlefield; this plan has been found to work well, as the men appreciate it. As space will not admit of an account of this very interesting hospital in vivid descriptive detail, we must pass on to what all the visitors would doubtless consider the most interesting feature, namely, the facial masks made by Captain Derwent Wood, sculptor and soldier. The Hospital is called a "bad case Hospital," and among the cases are many suffering from facial disfigurement. Captain Derwent Wood suggested to the War Office that he could restore the contour of the face by artificial means. His offer was gladly accepted. By taking casts of the disfigured face he constructs a partial mask of silvered copper and paints it the colour of the face; this is held in place by spectacles. The results have been excellent. It speaks well for a "bad case Hospital" that out of 40,000 men who have entered it, only 270 have died! 1,074 treatments of massage and electro-therapeutics a week will give an idea of the activity of that Department. In the admirable care of the living, the reverent care of the dead is not forgotten. We saw three beautiful little mortuary chapels side by side equipped with altars and candles and crucifixes. One beautiful ivory crucifix was specially pointed out to us as being the gift of Queen Amelie of Portugal. There are also equally nice chapels for the services of members of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. At the end of the tour of inspection the guests were hospitably entertained to tea by Colonel Bruce Porter, Miss Barton and Miss Holden, to whom Miss Hulme, on behalf of the guests, proposed a cordial vote of thanks for their courtesy and kindness. This was the fourth of the organised visits to Hospitals arranged under the auspices of the National Union of Trained Nurses in connection with the Conference. We feel much indebted to Miss Eden.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King and Queen have been busy paying visits to military hospitals. Last week they were at the Whipps Cross War Hospital, formerly the West Ham Infirmary, where the Queen distributed medals and certificates to the nurses who were successful in their final examinations this year, and where Their Majesties received a very loyal welcome from the wounded soldiers and the Poor Law and military officials.

The nurses who were successful in the final examination were as follows:—*Gold Medal*: Nurse A. M. Horwood (awarded by the Board). *Special Gold Medal*: Nurse G. McArd (presented by the Chairman, as the two nurses were equal). *Silver Medal*: Nurse M. L. Wright. *Bronze*

Medal: Nurse C. E. Breens, and twenty-eight who gained certificates.

The King and Queen also paid a visit to No. 2 New Zealand General Hospital, Walton-on-Thames, where they expressed satisfaction with all the admirable arrangements.

The Queen has also visited the Queen's Hospital for Sailors and Soldiers suffering from Facial and Jaw Injuries at Frognal, Sidcup, where some of the most scientific remedial agents are at work for the benefit of these sufferers, with whom we all sympathise so deeply.

THE IMPERIAL NURSES' CLUB.

The Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, S.W. 1, is keeping its first birthday (with an octave) on Monday, November 26th, and on Sunday, December 2nd, Mrs. Luke Paget, wife of the Bishop of Stepney, will give an informal talk. There will be some good music each day during the week, and war time refreshment for guests will be 6d. each, though free to members. There will be special remembrance of our sailors and soldiers each day at 12 o'clock. The membership has risen to 400 during the year, and some of the members have asked what birthday present the Club wants. Miss C. H. Mayers, the popular Hon. Secretary, suggests a knife machine, a bread cutter, a plate rack, trays, fenders, coal scuttles, hot water bottles, clocks, cushions, tea-cloths, soap, jam, matches, bulbs, seeds and plants as acceptable items.

THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

A meeting of the Irish Nursing Board was held in the Royal College of Surgeons, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the President (Col. William Taylor), Sir Arthur Chance took the chair.

There were also present:—Miss Reeves, Miss Huxley, Miss O'Flynn, Miss Phillips, Miss Rhind, Miss Hezlett, Miss Roberts, Hon. A. L. Brodrick, Miss Kearns, Miss Thornton, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Miss Ramsden, Miss Bradburne, Rt. Hon. Michael Cox, P.C., M.D., and Miss Carson Rae, Hon. Sec. Letters of apology were received from Miss Bradshaw, Miss McArdle, and Miss Jordan.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved.

A large number of applicants have been admitted to the Register, representing Nurses from the Dublin, Cork, and Belfast Hospitals, and many from the country districts. Several points of interest were discussed. It is hoped to hold a public meeting for Nurses in the near future.

Next week we shall publish an interesting correspondence which has passed between the College of Nursing, Ltd., and the Royal British Nurses' Association, as it is of importance to the profession at large.

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