

## NURSING ECHOES.

On the proposition of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lyceum Club, 128, Piccadilly, W., the honorary membership of the Club during the war has been offered to the Matrons-in-Chief of the Overseas Nursing Services: Miss M. C. Macdonald, R.R.C., Canadian Army Nursing Service; Miss E. A. Conyers, R.R.C., the Australian Army Nursing Service; Miss M. Thurston, R.R.C.; New Zealand Army Nurs-

many vacancies in the Colonies have not diminished, and the Committee are therefore gratified to record that there has been no decrease in the number of Government Nurses sent out, while in the case of the private nurses the number has been increased by two. In each case the numbers would have been considerably greater but for the restrictions imposed by the Foreign Office since February, by which women have not been allowed to leave the country owing to the submarine activities.

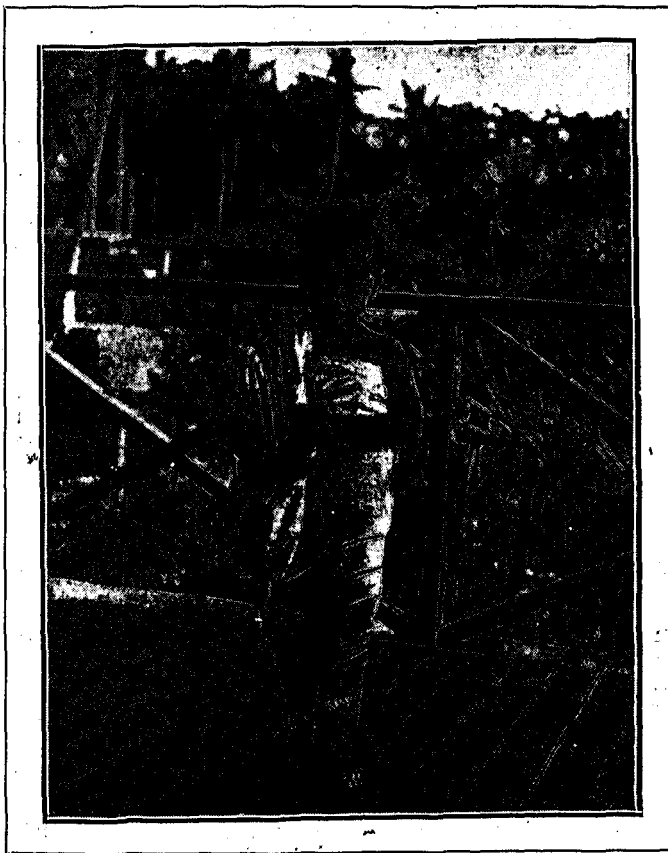
Two developments have taken place during the past year. The Committee were asked by the Government of the Union of South Africa to supply eighteen nurses for the hospital at Johannesburg, and eight were promptly selected, and embarked in February. A Nurse-Matron-Dispenser has also been appointed to the hospital at Oporto.

An instance of the experiences of the nurses is given from South Africa. Late one evening one of the nurses of the King Edward VII Order was sent for to a maternity case about twenty miles away. She motored with the District Surgeon twenty miles over rough roads, and through a river in flood, and by cart when the road was too bad for the car. Arrived at the farm she did what was necessary for the patient, and left her in charge of a capable woman. Got back, on a bitterly cold night, at 11 a.m., to find a message to go to another maternity case.

The Committee report that in Nyasaland the Matron and two Nursing Sisters have been decorated with the African Service Medal for their splendid work at the time of the rising in that Protectorate, while in British East Africa the Matron of the General Hospitals has been mentioned in dispatches, and two of the Nursing

Sisters awarded the Royal Red Cross for distinguished service in connection with the military operations there.

Miss Elliot, Matron of the Tulagi Government Hospital, British Solomon Islands, having in her spare hours earned by private nursing a sum of £25, generously sent the amount to the Committee, with a request to devote the money to the purchase of some gift acceptable to a Military Hospital in this country. A piano has been purchased for the wards of the Military Orthopaedic Hospital,



PETER, A PATIENT AT TULAGI GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

ing Service; and to Mrs. Creagh, R.R.C., South African Nursing Service.

Should a Matron-in-Chief of the American Army Nurse Corps be resident in London, the same compliment will be paid to her by this leading Woman's Club.

The Twenty-first Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Colonial Nursing Association is, as usual, an interesting record of excellent work. The difficulties experienced since the outbreak of the war in filling the

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