

## THE BRITISH OFFICIAL WAR PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITION.

Everyone should make a point of seeing the British Official War Photographs Exhibition, in colour, which was opened on March 4th at the Grafton Galleries, Old Bond Street.

It has truly been described as an amazing collection. To quote from the catalogue, "The unflinching eye of the lens has looked on war in all its aspects, and has recorded more faithfully even than any historian could do the greatest and smallest things in the greatest and most wonderful war in history. One walks through the door of the Grafton Galleries on to the grey flats of Flanders, and on to the golden but burning sands of the desert of the East.

"The Dreadnoughts of the Battlefield" is the largest photograph in the world, and shows camouflaged tanks moving forward to the attack. Two other enormous pictures show General Allenby entering Jerusalem on foot, and General Maude entering Bagdad.

"The Garden of Sleep" tells its own pathetic tale—a soldiers' cemetery in Mesopotamia, and in the distance can be seen the bursting shells.

"That's My Little Girl" is a charming picture of a Tommy with a little French girl on his knee showing her the photograph of his little one at home.

"A Row of Generals" show an endless line of "buses" at the front waiting for men about to proceed home on leave.

It is to be regretted that one of the few pictures relating to the care of the wounded by nurses shows a lady in a nursing garb, plus a pearl necklace and bangle, sitting on the bed of one of the patients.

This photograph is not likely to create a favourable impression of nurses at the front.

But putting that aside, the pictures are magnificent, moving, and inspiring.

The trenches, dug-outs, Flanders mud, wire entanglements, the wounded, dying and dead, Tommy in dead and grim earnest, Tommy at play, varied incidents of burning interest, are portrayed in this wonderful collection. The beautiful colouring of both Eastern and Western scenes, we are told, is done under the supervision of experts with the most particular care as to detail.

## THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Business Meeting of the above Association was held at 34, St. Stephen's Green, on the 2nd inst., the President, Miss O'Flynn, in the chair. The Annual Report was adopted.

A Resolution in favour of the Solicitors' (Qualification of Women) Bill was passed unanimously. The Resolution to be sent to the N.U.W.W.

A Sub-committee was elected to deal with the working of the Midwives Act (Ireland).

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss O'Flynn for presiding.

## BOTH SIDES HEARD AT BATH.

A small but influential meeting was held at Bath on Saturday, February 23rd, in the house of Dr. and Mrs. Begg to discuss the advisability of getting up a large "At-home" in May in aid of the Nation's Fund for Nurses. Dr. Begg took the chair and said the original idea had been to hold a meeting of the wives of the doctors in Bath, but when he found some of the nurses did not approve of the appeal now being made by the British Women's Hospital Committee, he felt it only fair to hear both sides of the case, and he and Mrs. Begg had therefore asked the heads of Nursing Institutions to be present in order to hear the nurses' own opinion. He then introduced Miss Cox-Davies and Mrs. Alderton, who would state the case for the College and the British Women's Hospital Committee.

### MISS COX-DAVIES' SPEECH.

Miss Cox-Davies gave the meeting a full account of her own qualifications, in order that they might know who was speaking to them. She then outlined the beginning of the College of Nursing, and stated that Sir Arthur Stanley knowing how much opposition there had been to the Bill for State Registration of Nurses, had felt the only hope of success was to keep away from all the promoters of that movement, though she gave them full credit for all they had done for nurses. She then drew attention to the Nation's Fund for Nurses, and said the Nation had paid the same tribute to Florence Nightingale, who had started the Nightingale Home with the money so given. She ended her speech by saying she must hurry away almost at once, so should have no time to answer questions. Mrs. Alderton spoke of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, and said that she was not herself a nurse, but had had a great deal to do for High Schools, and she knew many excellent recruits were lost to the nursing profession because nurses were so badly paid, and had so little chance of saving for the future. She then said some piteous appeals had already been received at the Headquarters of the Fund asking for help for individual nurses, so there was no doubt the Fund was needed, and she was glad to say many thousands of pounds had already been collected, and she hoped every effort would be made in Bath to increase the Fund.

Miss Cox-Davies then read an extract from a speech made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in America in 1901, foretelling the formation of a College of Nursing in the future, and said the extract was a great help and support to her. She then left immediately to catch a train!

Miss Cox-Davies also stated she took this extract to bed with her whenever she felt downhearted! (Much laughter.)

Mrs. Alderton remained to answer questions.

### MISS CANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

Miss Cancellor asked to be allowed to put the nurses' side of the question forward. She said she did not wish to cover the same ground as Miss

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