

note that the good work of the nurses came in for recognition from the Archbishop of Dublin, who presided. He said: "At the beginning of the war one hundred beds were set apart for the needs of wounded and sick soldiers. Just at present so many were not needed, there being at present thirty-eight soldiers in the hospital, and they were receiving the best medical and surgical attendance, and also being attended with the care and devotion for which the nurses of Steevens' Hospital were noted. There was also another thing about the work of the nurses that he would like to mention—when the war broke out the nursing staff were among the very first to volunteer for war service and the hospital authorities got a special letter of thanks from Queen Alexandra for the promptitude with which they answered. Their nurses' services had not gone without public recognition, for some of them had obtained the coveted distinction of the Royal Red Cross, which their matron and one of their nurses were wearing that day. They were all glad to think that the sacrifices of the nurses, and the work that had been done not only during the war, but for many years past, had come in for public recognition."

It is good to know that, besides the invaluable work that the Bradford Royal Infirmary is doing for the country by rendering medical aid to the civil population, it is also doing its bit in the war by training nurses for military hospitals. In the report that the Matron, Miss Jessie Davies, submitted recently at the annual meeting, it was stated during the year on the completion of their training that of the seventeen nurses who left the Infirmary nine were now serving in military hospitals. Trained nurses are in great demand in all hospitals, civil and military, throughout the country. The pre-war staffs have been sadly depleted and much difficulty has been caused in the nursing departments. So small is the staff at the Infirmary now that when emergency leave is granted to a nurse—and it has to be done frequently, for nurses, like other people, have special home claims and difficulties in these troublous times—it involves

a good deal of anxiety and rearrangement. The nurses, however, have throughout the war shown a courage and devotion to duty equal to that shown by the soldiers at the front, and despite these hardships their work is being done efficiently.

In an air raid on Naples last Monday morning, a bomb was dropped on the Hospital of the Little Sisters of the Poor, near Arco Mirrelli, and seven of those sheltering there were victims of the outrage.

We sympathise with Miss Grace Macdonald in the injury to her Nursing Home in the last raid, and hear that everyone behaved with great courage during very trying circumstances.



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Sister Emily Power, trained at the London Hospital, and Sister Lilian Moore, trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, have left for Bizerta, where a Home and Training Centre for 200 Disabled Serbian Soldiers is to be opened under the auspices of the Serbian Relief Fund.

We regret that in Monday night's raid on Paris a bomb struck a hospital killing six and injuring seven persons. Already we have received a letter from a patient in hospital grateful for the care of a member of the French Flag Nursing Corps, who stayed with her during the raid, and also cheered those French patients who could not be removed to comparative safety. The comment of these French patients was "Aren't the English nurses fine?"

"SISTER SERVICES" AT THE LYCEUM.

Dr. Smedley Maclean presided at a Dinner on Monday last at the Lyceum Club to the "Sister Services," the "Waacs" and "Wrens." Dame Katherine Furse, Lady Mackworth, and the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield were among the speakers. Lady Mackworth said they were very hopeful of a satisfactory scheme for co-ordinating recruiting, so that the different rates of pay might tally in the different categories for each service. The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield spoke of the high courage of what she described as the "powdered nose brigade."

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