

letters to parents last winter and the winter before, but they were not accompanied by complaints, and she does not believe these noble self-denying young women will complain to Lady Amphyll against the straight-laced and Puritanical regulations attached to their conditions of service.

Miss Cox Davies, R.R.C., member of the Nursing Board Q.A.I.M.N.S., writes in support of the present system, and an Ex-Army Sister enters an apologetic eulogy of the present Matron-in-Chief. In our opinion the whole epitome of the system enforced by the Nursing Board is summed up in the "Serf Clause," to which we refer in another column. It spells autocracy in its worst form, and those who support it must naturally eulogize its results.

### JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in home hospitals:—

*V.A. Hosp., Norwood, Middx.*—Miss G. C. Gould, Miss E. Thomson.

*Red Cross Hosp., Portisshewet, S. Wales.*—Miss P. Palmer.

*Nunthorpe Hall V.A. Hosp., York.*—Miss F. L. Fitzpatrick.

*Red Cross Hosp., Mere, Wilts.*—Miss J. E. Haighton.

*Bredbury V.A. Hosp., Tunbridge Wells.*—Miss A. Ward, Miss M. E. Dowler.

*Westholme Aux. Hosp., Market Drayton.*—Miss M. M. Ryan.

*Hosp. for Facial Injuries, 78, Brook St.*—Miss M. C. Robson.

*Red Cross Hosp., Christchurch, Hants.*—Miss J. M. Tait.

*Regent's Park Hosp., Southampton.*—Miss M. A. Campbell.

*Aux. Hosp., The Beeches, Reigate.*—Miss M. Munro.

*The General Hosp., Loughborough.*—Miss M. J. Pearse.

*Red Cross Hosp., Rhyl.*—Mrs. M. Smerdon.

*Caenshill Hosp., Weybridge.*—Miss E. Bowden.

*Stanley Hosp., Holyhead.*—Miss E. Williams.

*Mill Dam V.A. Hosp., S. Shields.*—Miss M. Sutton.

*Princess Marie Louise Hosp., Bermondsey.*—Miss E. L. Coome.

*American Red Cross Mil. Hosp., Paignton.*—Miss T. Holford, Miss K. Drummond.

*Harwarden House V.A. Hosp., Bracondale, Norwich.*—Miss E. M. Downs.

*Freemason's Hosp., Fulham Road.*—Miss A. L. Papworth.

*Red Cross Hosp., Kington, Herefordshire.*—Miss E. Slane.

*Seaham Hall Red Cross Hosp., Seaham, Co. Durham.*—Miss A. Welch.

*De Walden Court Hosp., Eastbourne.*—Miss M. O'Reilly, Miss B. Hardbottle.

### THE LATEST AMERICAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

The American Red Cross Hospital No. 24, which was recently opened at 24, Kensington Palace Gardens, W., may be summed up in one word—"Perfection."

The house, its equipment, and running expenses are the munificent gift of Mr. Chester Beatty.

It was offered to the American Red Cross Society for the use of American officers, should the authorities decide to bring them to England instead of nursing them in France, as it is at present proposed. In the meantime, British and Colonial officers are to be received. It has 35 beds and is staffed by the American Red Cross, under the Commanding Officer, Captain Chollett.

The Nursing Staff consists of a Matron, four Sisters, and V.A.D. probationers.

The Matron, Miss Minnette J. Hay, was trained at the Roosevelt Hospital, New York.

On the ground floor of the Hospital are the library and lounge, both ideal for their purpose. The lounge is upholstered in soft green and has a plenitude of luxurious easy chairs. It opens into the fine conservatory, from whence the patients can be wheeled into the quiet, high-walled garden.

Every ward is charming, with its white enamelled furniture and white piqué quilts, the silken eider-downs and curtains giving various colour tones in the different wards. Some are soft rose colour, some blue, and some old gold. The buff screens which prevail in most of the wards are particularly restful. The white bed tables and enamel lockers with glass tops are the last word in appearance and utility.

The luxuriously appointed bathrooms of which there are a large number, will be a joy both to the patients and their nurses. Indeed, it would be difficult to suggest anything for use or ornament that has not found its place in this ideal refuge, which is ready and waiting to receive the sorely pressed, weary and wounded officers who are making such a magnificent stand at the front. Nothing has been spared that will minister to their healing and recovery. Nothing has been deemed too good, nothing could be, and, indeed, the generous donor may well be satisfied with his gift. Our thanks are due to the courteous secretary, Miss Thornton, for so kindly giving us all the information at her disposal. This lady is a cousin of Mrs. Chester Beatty.

H. H.

Epidemics frequently follow in the wake of war, and the occurrence of cases of smallpox in the East and South-East districts of the Metropolis should stimulate nurses to be on the alert to co-operate with the health authorities, and to urge the importance of vaccination, or re-vaccination, as a prophylactic measure.

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