

A Sister reports that at a Red Cross Hospital, where she refused to remain, when preparing to do a simple dressing, the patient informed her he always had morphia before it was done! She of course refused to give it without medical directions, but later, when the Commandant came round the ward, the patient told her he had had his dressing done without morphia, whereupon she directed the Sister to give it for the future. What madness this control of our poor sick soldiers by the untrained is! Before the end of her ministrations, we wonder how many confirmed morphia maniacs this dangerous ignorant woman will have made, to their lasting misery and ultimate destruction. It appears to us almost if not quite criminal that such power is permitted to be exercised by these vain irresponsible women—and we hope that every trained nurse will refuse to obey any such interference with medical treatment upon the part of a Commandant, and report the matter at once to the medical officer in charge.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:—

V.A. Hosp., Spondon, nr. Derby.—Miss M. E. Garrard.

V.A. Hosp., Ashford, Kent.—Mrs. E. M. Crowther.

Mil. Hosp., Camberley.—Miss E. E. Wells.

Town Hall Hosp., Burton-on-Trent.—Miss F. Turner.

Highfield Hall, Southampton.—Miss E. B. N. Green.

Normanhurst V.A. Hosp., Battle.—Miss A. de B. Jackson.

Newnham Paddock Hosp., Lutterworth.—Miss M. McGlow.

The Glen Hosp., Southend.—Miss M. Munro.

Brooklands, Weybridge.—Miss E. Bowden.

Massandra Red X. Hosp., Weymouth.—Miss M. G. Jones.

Moor Park Aux. Hosp., Preston.—Miss M. Hopkins.

Northwood V.A. Hosp., Middx.—Miss J. Mavor.

Red X. Hosp., Oakhurst, Erith.—Miss R. Boorman.

St. Tudno Mil. Hosp., Llandudno.—Miss J. H. Dowell and Miss D. J. Lyons.

V.A.D. Hosp., Coalville, nr. Leicester.—Miss L. Finn.

Knightshayes V.A. Hosp., Tiverton.—Miss A. L. Boucher.

Red House Aux. Hosp., Leatherhead.—Miss M. M. Dooson.

Cawston Manor Red X. Hosp., nr. Norwich.—Miss S. J. Munro and Miss E. M. Johnstone.

Henham Hall Hosp., Wangford.—Miss E. M. Shepherd.

Brickett House, St. Albans.—Miss A. Cable.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King has sent £100, and the Queen and Queen Alexandra £50 each, to the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, 20, Hanover Square, W. 1, for founding a farm colony for sailors and soldiers suffering from tuberculosis. Over £18,000 has been received out of the £50,000 required.

A Fund which has our sincere sympathy is that to provide River Trips and Outings for wounded soldiers and sailors, and we are glad (for once) to hear that a City Flag Day will be held on April 25th, to which the President, Princess Beatrice, the Lord Mayor, and the Bishop of London are giving their blessing. Last year 500 or 600 river trips were arranged weekly, and many military hospital officers testify to the pleasure and benefit derived by the patients by these breezy outings. "Sellers" are badly required, so if any of our readers can spare a few hours on the 25th, please communicate with Mr. John Stanley, the Hon. Sec., at 71, St. George's Square, S.W. Perhaps members of the "Bart's" staff (the only general hospital in the City) might devote off-duty time on that day to this good work.

Miss Beatrice Harraden, who is attached to Endell Street Hospital as librarian, will soon have her new novel, "Where Thy Treasure Is," in the press. We hear it is a novel of war incidents, and there are very interesting chapters dealing with the Endell Street Hospital and the cheery spirit, the humour and courage of the "boys in blue."

The Elsie Inglis (London) Unit of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, which left London at the end of February, has reached Salonika, on its way to join the Jugo-Slav Division on the Macedonian front.

Woodborne Hospital, Brooklands, Cheshire, which is the gift of Sir John Leigh, was opened recently. It is intended for soldiers suffering from shell shock. The entire cost of the buildings and equipment is borne by Sir John, who is also maintaining the institution for five years.

The War Pensions Joint Advisory Committee for the Home Counties South (Kent, Surrey and Sussex) are endeavouring to provide increased accommodation in order that disabled sailors and soldiers may be treated and trained. There are now nearly 15,000 of these in the joint area, and in view of the continuance of the war, it is expected that the accommodation at present available in naval and military hospitals for cases of this class will be considerably curtailed. It is therefore recommended that all local committees should arrange for the reception of discharged men in civil institutions such as hospitals, convalescent homes and institutions for neurasthenic cases.

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