

AMERICAN RED CROSS NAVAL HOSPITAL, ALDFORD HOUSE, PARK LANE, W.

One of the latest American Red Cross Hospitals in this country, and the first devoted to the needs of the sick and wounded of its Navy, is Aldford House, erected on a unique site in Park Lane, where it occupies an entire block. It has been placed at the disposal of the American Red Cross by Mrs. Frederick Guest, wife of Captain Guest, M.P., and accommodates 50 patients—men on the ground floor, officers above.

The nursing staff, who are members of the

its purpose; damask panels on the walls have been covered up by calico stretched over them, and the ceiling in the operating theatre has been subjected to the same treatment.

One ward on the ground floor opens on to a verandah, where chairs can be placed, overlooking Park Lane. Its pretty pink quilts and screens give it a very attractive appearance. In the opposite ward the quilts are white, and the screen-covers a rosy pink. The hospital has a garden of quite considerable size for London—an invaluable asset, especially for sailors, not used to living within four walls. It even boasts of a rabbit-hutch and rabbits.

There is also a winter garden, where the



NURSING STAFF OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS NAVAL HOSPITAL.

American Red Cross, are all Registered Nurses, and proud of the fact. Most of them have been war nursing for two or three years, and have served in Mesopotamia, Gallipoli, East Africa, and France, as well as in hospitals in this country. The Matron, Miss Catherine Taylor, was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, New York, by Miss Anna W. Goodrich, for whose personality and work she has unbounded admiration. The V.A.D.s undertake pantry work and kindred duties, but do no nursing.

The medical officers are Dr. L. W. McGrath and Dr. Agnew, both of the United States Naval Corps.

The house, with its central airy hall, and wide shallow staircase, is very well adapted for

patients can sit when the weather is unsuitable for life in the open air.

On a level with the floor above is a wide roof garden, where long chairs can be set, and from which an extensive and charming view is obtained.

The hospital, which for the first years of the war was used for British patients, has only been open as an American hospital for seven or eight weeks. The cases admitted are at present chiefly medical, accident, and operation ones.

Miss Taylor wears the dainty white uniform of the Chief Nurses of the American Red Cross, with the distinguishing black band and tiny red cross on the cap. The other members of the staff wear grey.

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