

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary, visited the Brook War Hospital on Wednesday in last week and spent a long time in the wards. Her Majesty was received by the President of the Local Government Board, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and Clerk of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Major Swainston, Acting Senior Medical Officer, and Miss E. M. Baum, the Matron.

Her Majesty has also visited Queen Mary's Hospital at Stratford, the Pavilion General Military Hospital at Brighton, and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, where she saw Princess Mary at work in the wards.

In a Summary of Work of the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, the Commissioner of the Committee in France and Belgium—Colonel the Hon. Sir Arthur Lawley, K.C.M.G.—writes of Ambulance Train, No. 16:—

No. 16.—The following extracts referring to this train will be of interest:—

"It is not long since that I recommended to your notice the excellent behaviour of this unit on the night of the 26th-27th March, 1918. I then particularly drew attention to the gallantry and courage shown and efficient work done by the Sister-in-Charge and Q.M.-Sergt

"This time . . . No. 16 Ambulance Train arrived at . . . in the midst of an air raid. 'A' Coach got a direct hit from a large bomb, wrecking it and setting the stores on fire—the details of the damage done will have been made known to you.

"The Sisters were taken out of the cutting and placed under a hedge. I then returned to the train, where Q.M.-Sergt. had already engaged the men in trying to extinguish the fire; in this he was ably assisted by one volunteer. . . . The burning coach was disconnected by this officer and Q.M.-Sergt. . . . while I directed the engine-driver what to do. The engine-driver and fireman had remained at their post—the brakesman had disappeared.

"It must be remembered that this was carried out while the raid was still in progress and 'planes humming overhead, three out of the four injured men assisting at the salvage.

"The personnel to a man did their very best."

Colonel Sir E. W. D. Ward, Director-General of Voluntary Organisations, asks for strong walking sticks for the use of wounded soldiers, for which he continues to receive large and increasing demands. It is necessary, if these requests are to be fully and punctually met, that he should receive a far larger number. If householders will make a point of sending one good strong walking-stick to the Comforts Depot, 45, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W. 1, the required number will be secured.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

The American Red Cross has not only allocated £5,000 to the National League for Health, Maternity, and Child Welfare, 4, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1, to establish and maintain infant welfare institutions for a year, but has also given it £10,000 for maternity hostels. It is hoped to establish one in each of the three kingdoms and one in London, in addition to ante-natal clinics and factory crèches in various parts of the country. An emergency home for babies and two day nurseries for children of the professional classes, whose mothers are obliged to work to supplement their Army and Navy allowances, are also to be set up in London. Offers of empty houses are invited.

The report on the working of the Tuberculosis Department started at the Great Northern Central Hospital—by arrangement with the Islington Borough Council in May, 1917—shows that, during the year ended April 30th last 841 cases from the northern half of the borough were treated, and that there were 3,472 attendances. In addition, 1,510 visits were made to patients' homes, and a considerable number of contacts examined. This appears to be a very satisfactory report of the first year's working of the new dispensary.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death on August 1st, at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, of Miss Janet McGill, of 93, Horton Lane, since 1894 the much valued matron of the Bradford District Nursing Association, a branch of the Nursing Institution in Manningham. The Home became a separate institution in 1904. The funeral took place on the 5th inst. at the Scholemoor Cemetery, a short service having previously been held at the Home. Both services were conducted by the Rev. C. Stewart Douglas, Vicar of Thornbury. Amongst many who sent wreaths were the members of the committee, the staff, the house surgeon, the matron and nursing staff of the Royal Infirmary.

Miss McGill was widely known, respected, and loved by the sick poor, and her death is a great loss not only to the Association but to the whole city. She was a good organiser, kind and sympathetic. Her whole life was centred in her work, and her activities were not confined to nursing. She was especially interested in getting patients away for a change of air, and took endless trouble to accomplish this.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

NURSING SERVICE.

WOUNDED.

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