

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The many friends of Miss Violetta Thurstan will be glad to learn of her safe return to this country after her war service in Serbia. We learn it is probable that after a rest she will take up interesting work at home.

The Hon. Mrs. Waldorf Astor appeals for the loan or gift of river canoes for the use of the Nursing Sisters and staff of the 15th Canadian General Hospital, Cliveden, Taplow, Bucks.

Nurses of the American Army have now been given a definite status. They are not, however, to be commissioned, but to be warranted, as are sergeants and non-commissioned officers.

A Washington message says that orders have been issued by the United States War Department to the office of the Surgeon-General, which will enable coloured nurses who have been registered by the American Red Cross Society to render service to their own race in the Army. The nurses will be assigned to the hospitals at half-a-dozen camps, in which a total of about 38,000 coloured troops are stationed. General Pershing has been asked whether the services of coloured nurses can be utilised to advantage among the American Expeditionary Forces.

The *Nursing Journal of India* says: "Many names can be added to our list of heroine nurses by the splendid courage of those women who remained at the post of duty during the terrible



THE GARDEN AT COLEBROOK LODGE, PUTNEY HEATH, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS NURSES' REST HOUSE.

The Army regulations fixing the rank of officers in the Army has been amended by the insertion of the new grade of "nurse" below the grade of cadet, and above that of sergeant-major. The nurses are thus placed in authority over all men in the enlisted branch. Many of the nurses feel they should have commissioned rank, like their Canadian colleagues, thus giving them authority over all patients in military hospitals.

Our illustration, from an American Red Cross official photograph, gives a charming impression of the delights of Colebrook Lodge, West Hill, Putney Heath, the American Red Cross Rest House, for its convalescent nurses. It must surely be a joy to convalesce in surroundings so healthful and beautiful.

air raid which took place when the Germans bombed one of our military hospitals in France. The scene of the disaster was a big hospital camp composed of many huts and known to the enemy as being such, not only by its conspicuous marking with the Red Cross, but they had often seen it. The night was one flood of brilliant moonlight, when squadron after squadron flew over and dropped large bombs on the huts, which were nearly full of badly wounded men, who were mostly helpless to assist themselves and to whom movement was agony; some of the raiders flew very low and raked the huts and staff quarters with machine guns. There were several hundreds of casualties amongst the patients, orderlies and nurses. We read with pride and profound emotion the description of the behaviour of the nurses under the terrible ordeal."

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