## EDITH CAVELL HOME OF REST,

## WEDDING BELLS.

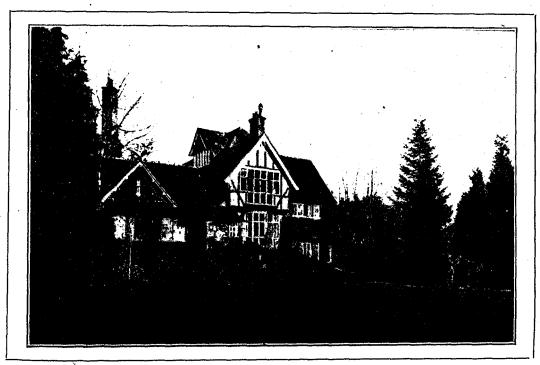
On December 17th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, by the Rev. W. Wragge, the marriage was solemnised between Miss Mary Gwladys John, Hon. Serving Sister, Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and Capt. Robert Nixon Armstrong Bailey, H.L.I. The hymns selected for the occasion were, "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden," and "Now Thank We All Our God" (the latter being very appropriate, as Serving-Sister John was on duty at Etaples when the hospital was bombed and destroyed, and Capt. Bailey has also passed through many dangers). The happy pair left the church to the strains of the Wedding March.

the civilian dresses of the numerous well-wishers present.

The bride and bridegroom left Haslemere at five o'clock for Bournemouth, where the first part of their honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling dress was a saxe-blue costume with hat to match.

After the ceremony the ladies of the Coombe Head Committee, assisted by the Matron, Miss Hurlston, held a reception at Coombe Head, where the bride and bridegroom received the hearty congratulations of the many friends of the Home.

After the departure of Capt. and Mrs. Bailey, the visitors had an opportunity of seeing over the Home, and remarks of admiration were expressed on the excellent taste and the comfort displayed in all the arrangements. The bedrooms



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The bride—who was married from the Home and given away by Mr F. Rosher, Vice-Chairman, in the unavoidable absence of Lt.-Col. Sir Richard Temple, Bart., C.B., C.I.E., Chairman of the Edith Cavell Homes—wore her mess uniform. She was attended by the Misses Payne and Pooley, nurse probationers, who were staying at Coombe Head; they wore their indoor uniform. Lieut. P. C. Randall undertook the duties of best man.

The Nursing Sisters staying at the Home, with Miss Coventry's detachment of Girl Guides, formed a guard of honour. Among the congregation were a number of soldiers from the Australian Military Hospitals, their honourable "blues" giving a picturesque touch of colour to

—ten in number—are named after flowers, each guest having a separate room. "Jessamine" being occupied by Sister John, that flower was chosen for the table decorations with a centre vase of fine chrysanthemums. The large drawing-room looked very inviting, with its plentiful supply of easy chairs, sofas, and a handsome piano; in fact, everything has been thought of to encourage the nurses to "rest" thoroughly. This room was decorated with pink and white flowers.

The nurses express warm appreciation of all the thoughtful kindness bestowed on them; this, combined with the good air and beautiful walks, is an excellent tonic for them after their strenuous work of the past four years. They were

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