

## THE N. M. L. CAMP.

" Good-bye. Hasn't it been great !"  
 " Splendid ! *much* nicer than I expected.  
 Here's a taxi. Good-bye again."

Camp was just over, and the Campites, having come up from the country together, were farewelling each other amid the crowds and noise and bustle of a London platform on Friday, June 5th.

The Nurses' Missionary League held its camp this year at the most delightful spot (out of many) I have seen in England—Old Jordan's Hostel, a house in the middle of orchards, beech woods, and buttercup fields near Beaconsfield, Bucks. Long, low farm buildings are transformed into spotless dormitories, and the " Dutch Garden," with its quaint bricked paths and its " tadpole pond," its clumps of tall scarlet poppies and blue lupin make it a very choice spot—one which was *made* for camps. There were about eighteen of us at the Camp, and one or two more came down for a week-end or " day-off," as Jordan's is in easy reach of London.

Everyone was met on arrival and seen off when the time came round, and everyone had tea brought to them in bed in the morning—details, perhaps, but dear to the heart of every kind of nurse.

Our party represented private and hospital nurses, Sisters and pros., the Q.A.I.M.N.S. uniform and the most unofficial mufti that nurses on holiday could desire. Four of the Sisters were home on leave from Mission Hospitals in the East. One hailed from some place with several inches of African name situated on the Congo. Another from a different part of Africa told us thrilling tales of cannibal tribes and plain tales of her life and work among them, behind which one could read unbounded courage and strong endurance. Her " hobby " was spare black babies, and apparently her collection is going on apace.

A third spoke of her up-to-date women's hospital in India, and again another of bullet-wound cases due to the fearful blood feuds still carried on by the Afghans and Border clans of the Frontier. It was hard to believe that the proportion of all kinds of workers for the people of India, doctors, and nurses included, is in A.D. 1919 one to forty thousand, and harder still to hear that it is British Nursing Sisters who are wanted most. We felt rather like the lad who volunteered for active service, and on being told he was undersized and unfit, persisted, " Any old job so long as I'm in it."

The weather favoured us ; energetic folk walked or cycled, and we took tea out and brought snapshots home. In the evenings we would meet for " the real thing," and we were not disappointed.

But if I yarn further about the good time we had at camp there will be hundreds applying for room at the next camp, and what would the Secretaries do then, poor things ?

(Signed) " A DEMOBBED Q.A."

## LEAGUE NEWS.

The General Meeting of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League will be held in the Clinical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. After the usual business Miss Heath and Miss C. M. Weatherley will relate some of their war experiences. At 4 p.m. there will be a social gathering in the Great Hall and music arranged by Sister Colston.

## THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Irish Nurses Association was held at the Committee Rooms 34, Stephen's Green, Dublin, on the 7th inst., Miss Reeves, R.R.C., President, in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The usual routine business was transacted and a sub-committee appointed to act during the summer holidays. There were 19 applications for membership, all of which were approved.

The following representatives were appointed to act on the Advisory Board of the Joint Irish Nursing Societies :—Miss Reeves, R.R.C., President I.N.A. ; Sister Harrison, Sir P. Dun's Hospital ; Sister Duffy, Richmond Hospital.

M. L. O'KEEFE,  
Secretary.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON.

**Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium, near Ilkley.**—Miss Ethel W. Taylor has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has been Assistant Matron, Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, Lady Superintendent, Royal National Hospital for Consumption, co. Wicklow, and Matron for one year of the Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital, and Matron of the Moxley Sanatorium.

## ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Springfield Mental Hospital, Middlesex.**—Miss Isabel Reid Sutherland has been appointed Assistant Matron. Miss Sutherland was trained at Rainhill Asylum, near Liverpool, where she also held the position of Charge Nurse for eight years. She has since been on the private staff of St. Luke's Hospital, London.

**West House, Royal Asylum, Edinburgh.**—Miss Margaret Grigor has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Craig House, and at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, New-castle-on-Tyne.

Miss Catherine Lang McPherson has also been appointed Assistant Matron in the same institution. She was trained at Aberdeen Royal Asylum, and at Lambeth Infirmary, Kennington, S.E.

Miss Margaret J. Keith has also been appointed Assistant Matron in the same institution. She was trained at Fife and Kinross Asylum, and at the Eastern Hospital, Dundee. She has also had some months' experience at King's Cross Fever Hospital, Dundee.

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