

lising to the one that gives and the one that takes."

She speaks of the "beautiful beautiful snow"; and "better than anything else in England I love it."

She is of course delighted by the decoration bestowed on her friend, Sister Ball, whose description of the ceremony is characterised with the same simple frankness which pervades the book. Most amusing, too, is her account of her subsequent reception by the Queen Mother. "We were all so full of adoration for the Queen Mother that one of the Sisters exclaimed: 'Oh, Matron, isn't she just the sweetest old thing?' A tall personage in a gorgeous red coat who was helping me into my coat, looked aghast at Sister; his expression said "What will those Australians say next.?"

On the occasion of a visit to Windsor Castle, the King commissioned Princess Christian to act as his representative.

"The Princess was very nice and said how much she admired our uniform."

"In what way?" asks one of our Sisters.

"For its quietness and unobtrusiveness" she replied.

Then Sister said how good it was of them to do so much for us.

"No," she replied. "It's you who have come so far, leaving home and friends to do so much for us." She said she did not care for nursing herself, but had a great admiration for those who did."

Though admiring and much interested in the work of the Supply Depot in Cavendish Square, she is amused at the "typically English" notices of rules everywhere: "Please wipe your feet upon the mat," &c. Her friend was quite upset to see some of the old ladies (workers) so cantankerous. "She could only see pathos in the pettiness and thought such good work spoiled, but I could only see the funny side, for with it all they were very clever and witty."

Quite a pleasant volume, full of interesting incidents, told by one who evidently understands how to get the best out of life, and whose fresh impressions of new soil are quite contagious.

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MILITARY MASSAGE SERVICE.

The Army Council has given instructions that 28 days' furlough on full pay will be given to mobile members of the Military Massage Service enrolled for 6 or 12 months who were employed in places other than those in which their homes were located, provided that their first day of service was on or before November 11th, 1918; and that in any case their last day of service was subsequent to November 10th, 1918. Other mobile members and immobile members similarly enrolled will be granted seven days' furlough on full pay. These benefits in all cases will include, or be taken in aid of, any pay in lieu of notice.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The General Nursing Council for Scotland have, with the sanction of the Scottish Board of Health, appointed Mr. W. S. Farmer, Solicitor, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh, as Registrar of the Council.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales has established the precedent of appointing a trained nurse as its chief executive officer and we regret that the principle of having a professional Registrar has not been supported by the General Nursing Council in Scotland. The legal qualifications of the gentleman appointed are no doubt admirable.

HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT BILL.

At the 7th meeting of the General Nursing Council, the Professional Union of Trained Nurses was accidentally omitted from the list of associations mentioned as consulted by the Minister of Labour (and to be consulted by the Minister of Health) on the Hours of Employment Bill. The Minister of Labour is taking steps to rectify the omission so that the P.U.T.N. shall be officially recognised and consulted in the matter.

MAUDE MACCULLUM.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Victoria Hospital, Southend-on-Sea.—Miss Maud Elizabeth Parsons, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, Night Superintendent at the North Evington Military Hospital, and Sister Housekeeper at the Q.A.H. Hospital, Roehampton.

Victoria Cottage Hospital, Romford.—Miss Annie G. Duxfield has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Union Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Staff Nurse at the Jessop Hospital in the same city, Sister at the Fulham Infirmary, and Sister-in-Charge, Theatre Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Emergency Hospital, Ilford. She is a certified Midwife.

Workington Infirmary.—Miss Jean A. Shankland has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Charge Nurse under the M.A.B., Nurse at the Northern Counties Nurses' Home, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Head Sister at Workington Infirmary.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Winchester Union.—Miss Elizabeth Claydon has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She has previously held the position of Superintendent Nurse at the Cuckfield Infirmary.

Bramley Union.—Miss Mary Eliza Stansfield has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Leeds Township Poor Law Infirmary and has been Superintendent Nurse at the Lincoln Union Infirmary, worked as a Sister in Military Hospitals in England and Wales as a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

SISTER.

Guest Hospital, Dudley.—Miss K. Cooper has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has been Staff Nurse at the Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, Tonbridge.

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