

both educational and recreation films and other diversions.

Of course a matter of supreme importance in this work is fresh milk for the babies, and it is difficult to procure, but Miss Walker is not of the calibre to be bested by difficulties, and at Soissons one of the carriers starts off early each morning, and brings in the milk from a distance of twelve kilometres to the "Goutte de Lait," and also to a station in town where it is sold for children and old people at a cheap rate.

Very interesting was the absorbed group of children gathered round Miss Wyatt listening to a fairy story. That brings one to a very special branch of the work of the American Units, in which they excel—the work for the children. The expert teachers have the happiest knack with them, and divine what is necessary for their welfare, what makes for their happiness. Think of the children during the war—the hardships, the desolation, the mental strain, and you will appreciate at their true value Miss Wyatt's fairy tales, the organised play in the open led by Miss Goodrich, and last, but not least, the children's library, from which books may be taken home or, perhaps even more important, the more studious of these little people can sit and read in comfort and quiet. They were doing so when I visited the library, seated in chairs suited to their size, both boys and girls buried in the book of their choice, oblivious to all else but its interest and wonder.

Leaving Crouy, we had another glorious round through enchanting country, with wide views of the long rolling hills behind which the sun was beginning to set. We made a halt at the side of a lonely common, where Miss Walker alighted. "You might like to see this case," she said, "I was called to in the small hours of the morning a short time ago." So we walked across the common and there in the slightest of shanties, scarcely a shelter from the weather, and with the most primitive belongings, we found a mother with her first baby. The father on the eventful night had come miles into Soissons in agonised anxiety to fetch Miss Walker. It was well that she arrived, not only to help the mother in her hour of need, but to put her in the right way of managing her baby. Returned to Soissons we found the whole group. Besides Miss Walker there was the Directrice, Miss Perrin, the hostess, Mme. de la Fallière, Miss Wyatt and Miss Goodrich back from Crouy, the Bordeaux nurses, and others. Dinner and bed to awake to a lovely morning and another day of absorbing interest and pleasure.

(To be continued.)

M. B.

The new Wellhouse Hospital, at High Barnet, was opened on Tuesday afternoon, by Lord Hampden, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, in the presence of a large gathering of invited guests, and the hospital was subsequently thrown open for inspection by the ratepayers. We hope to give an account of the proceedings in our next issue.

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

His Majesty the King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, on the 10th inst., and conferred the following Order and Decorations:—

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MILITARY DIVISION).

*Member.*—Miss Isabella Woodford, Territorial Force Nursing Service (also received the Royal Red Cross) (First Class).

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Miss Marie Neville.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS AND BAR.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Miss May Hodgins.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Miss Georgine Jacob, and Miss Fannie Manfield.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.*—Miss Marian Bannister, Miss Winifred Blanchard, Nora, Mrs. Dalrymple, Miss Isobel Drummond, and Miss Mary MacDevitt.

*Territorial Force Nursing Service.*—Miss Francis Wood.

*Civil and War Hospitals.*—Flora, Mrs. Eadie, Alice, Mrs. Martin, and Miss Alice Turnbull.

*Australian Army Nursing Service.*—Laura, Mrs. Fisher.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Members of the Military and Civil Nursing Services who had been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

Miss A. B. Smith (Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service) was also received by Her Majesty.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

*Cottage Hospital, Ballymena, co. Antrim.*—Miss Anna B. Logan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and has been Staff Nurse at the Sunly Hospital, Lake; Sister at the Children's Hospital, Belfast; and has also had experience of war nursing.

*Maternity Home, Lancaster.*—Miss Gertrude Rippon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Camberwell Infirmary, and has held the position of Matron of the County Training Home of the Hertfordshire Nursing Association.

*Porth and District Hospital, Glamorgan.*—Miss Frances M. Pratt has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff; and has been Sister at the Porth Hospital. She is a certified midwife.

*Ethel Hedley Hospital for Crippled Children, Colgarth Park, Windermere.*—Miss Louisa Poole has been appointed Matron. She has trained in fever nursing at Southampton, and in general nursing at St. Giles' Infirmary, Camberwell, and has been Sister at Brosely Hospital, Salop, and at other institutions, Sister-in-Charge at Breeze Hill Auxiliary Hospital, Bootle, and Sister and Housekeeping Sister at the Children's Hospital, Leasowe, Cheshire.

### SISTER HOUSEKEEPER.

*Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.*—Miss Constance L. Keys-Wells has been appointed Sister

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