

in spite of hard times its fine practical work "for mothers in the mountains" continues to thrive.

The death of Mrs. Frank Victor Hammer is recorded with sorrow. It was said of her, whose fine work on the National Board of the American Red Cross during the War made her naturally so well known, that, "she had a breadth of mind and depth of heart that made her the understanding friend of every good public cause coming within the range of her influence. With the mind of a man and the heart of a woman, she clarified the issues of her day."

The Puckeridge Hounds met in front of the new extension of the Bishop's Stortford Hospital, on March 29th, which extension is to be opened by the Duchess of York this month.



The Meet of the Puckeridge Hounds at Bishop's Stortford Hospital. Friendly greetings on both sides.

Our photo shows members of the Nursing Staff petting the beautiful hounds in the Hospital grounds before the hunt moved off. All really devoted nurses love animals and miss them greatly in daily hospital life.

The Rev. P. B. Clayton, founder of Toc. H., who has recently returned from a campaign in the Gold Coast and Nigeria, has expressed interesting opinions on conditions generally. He states:

"The progress made against disease in the short years of British occupation is an inspiring item in our record; nor can a man feel anything but proud of the whole British atmosphere of justice, common sense and cheerfulness.

"The native peoples, who would otherwise be in a state of internecine war, are given a surprising measure of self-

government, and are influenced more than ruled. Their attitude towards the British is, in consequence, friendly, with the rarest exceptions, and even in the farthest bush the District Officers carry no arms.

"The deepest impression left upon my mind is the amelioration brought about in West Africa by the presence of the British women, wives, doctors and nurses, and educationists, whose coming to the Coast now in large numbers has altered the whole atmosphere."

We are glad to note Mr. Clayton includes the work of nurses in the beneficent result of British occupation—so often their self-sacrifice and usefulness is taken for granted.

Attention is being called by a contemporary to the number of women crooks who are just now posing as nurses, as they find a nurse's uniform becoming and useful in inspiring confidence. They exploit hotels and lodgings, and in view of the prevalence of this kind of fraud hotel proprietors and those who let apartments are advised to be on the look out for women who may be attempting to perpetrate such a cruel imposition—cruel alike to the members of an honourable profession and to those whom they endeavour to victimise.

Scotland Yard and other police forces throughout the country are searching for a woman who, by representing herself to be a retired nurse from St. Thomas's Hospital, London, is alleged to have committed a series of frauds. According to information issued by

the police she has recently increased her activities to such an extent that warrants have been granted for her arrest in no fewer than 24 police districts, including Leeds, Rhyl, Cleethorpes, Harrogate and Exeter.

We could have wished to give space to report a Meeting of Nurses summoned by Mr. Batey, M.P., at 24, New Oxford Street, on April 5th, but time forbids. The majority of those who attended came to hear details of his Bill to amend the Nurses' Registration Act (referred to on page 110), but as he refused to have the Bill read, and apparently the aim of the Meeting was to urge nurses to join a trades-union, the only result was a spirited protest from Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Isabel Macdonald at the attempt to legislate for Registered Nurses without their consent.

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