

## BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Duke of York presided recently at the Statutory Meeting of the Council of the British Red Cross Society at its Headquarters, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, London, when there was a large attendance.

His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to receive from Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Executive Committee, a medal presented by the Red Cross Society of Costa Rica in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of its foundation.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Ebbisham, Chairman of the British Red Cross Society Appeals Committee, was nominated as a Vice-Chairman of the Council, subject to Her Majesty the Queen's approval.

The Director-General, Lt.-General Sir Harold Fawcus, reporting on the undertakings of the Society during the past six months, said that in response to a request from the Home Office, the Society had agreed to assist H.M. Government and the local authorities, as far as its resources would

with wide celluloid windows, which encloses the head and shoulders of the patient as she lies in bed. The effect of placing the patient in the tent is often dramatic, for within a few minutes he or she may be breathing easily. The Red Cross Society was invited to co-operate in providing these wonderful "tents" by eminent London physicians and surgeons, including Lord Dawson of Penn, Lord Horder, and Sir Thomas Dunhill. A memorandum which includes their signatures states, "We are convinced that the oxygen 'tent' provides the most efficient means of administering oxygen so far devised."

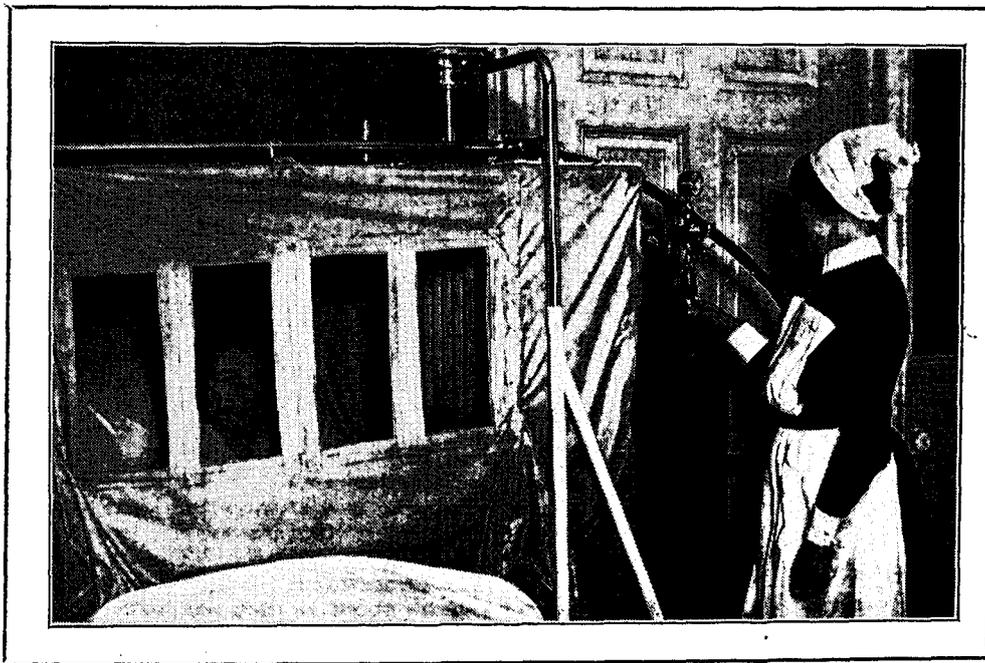
### AN OXYGEN TENT FOR THE "QUADS."

An Oxygen Tent has been placed at the service of the Quadruplets by the British Red Cross Society, and was conveyed to Dr. Harrison by aeroplane. This step has been taken not because the babies show any sign of illness or retarded progress, but in case such an eventuality should arise.

In America and on the Continent Oxygen Tents have been in frequent use for many years, not only in extreme cases of cardiac and pulmonary disease, but as a preventive and alleviative measure.

### CHRISTMAS COMFORTS FOR PENSIONER PATIENTS.

The Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society have arranged, through the Ministry of Pensions, as in previous years, to provide additional comforts, such as Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc., for the men actually in Ministry Hospitals on Christmas Day. There are, however, ex-Service Pensioners who will be patients in other hospitals as a result of their War disabilities, and the Joint Council of the two bodies is endeavouring to get in touch with these hospitals, so that no eligible cases in hospital on Christmas Day may fail to receive the same gifts as those in Pensions Hospitals.



A New Oxygen Tent being tested at St. George's Hospital.

permit, with such arrangements as might be needed for the protection of the public against the effects of air attacks.

A British Red Cross Unit, provided by the joint appeals of the British Ambulance Service in Ethiopia and the British Red Cross Society, sailed on November 16th for Berbera, en route for the Ogaden War Zone, having been dedicated and blessed before its departure by the Archbishop of Canterbury. In response to the urgent appeals of the Emperor of Ethiopia, it was hoped to send a second, smaller Unit to the Northern Zone, as soon as funds permitted.

In the absence of H.R.H. The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, Dame Beryl Oliver presented the Reports of the Detachments, which, including all categories number 1,020, with a personnel of 24,503.

### A NEW OXYGEN TENT.

An order for 12 special oxygen administering apparatus to be placed at the disposal of the leading teaching hospitals in London has been given by the British Red Cross Society. The oxygen "tent" consists of a rubber device

### FIRST AID IN CHEMICAL WARFARE.

Two hundred and thirty-five Trained Nurses from all parts of England and from Scotland attended the Lectures on First Aid in Chemical Warfare arranged by the British Red Cross Society, in London. This number includes 35 Hospital Matrons, 16 Assistant Matrons, 73 Hospital Sisters, 26 Sister Tutors, and 51 Public Health and Industrial Nurses, as well as District Nurses, Mission Nurses and Private Nurses. As the demand for instruction on this subject is so urgent, a further course is now being arranged. Applications must be made at once to the Matron-in-Chief, British Red Cross Society, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1. The fee for the Course is 7/6

Scatter the clouds that hide  
The face of heaven, and show  
Where sweet peace doth abide,  
Where truth and beauty grow.

Robert Bridges.

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