

NURSING ECHOES.

"THE QUEEN WAS IN HER PARLOUR EATING BREAD AND HONEY."

Not so our gracious Queen Elizabeth—though here we see her in her Palace surrounded by her staff, as Queens of old were wont to be working at stitchery, and sweeter than honey she no doubt finds it to spend time making comforts for the men who at the King's call are defending righteousness and the glorious Empire their fathers built.

The Queen's example is being followed by women throughout the country—in every town and village—young and old meeting together as busy as bees, with scissors, needle, thread and thimble, making comforts and dressings for stalwart and sick.

the Dominions encouraged by personal interest to do their utmost to consolidate the British people in pursuance of duty and ultimate victory.

The Queen and other Royal ladies have shown keen interest in the organisation of hospitals a wheel, and have visited and christened many hospital trains.

The completeness of Britain's preparations for the comfort of sick or wounded troops sent home from France were revealed recently at a Channel port, reports the *Daily Telegraph*.

A fleet of trains, known as military home ambulance trains, with the Red Cross painted on the white-roofed carriages, filled the railway sidings.

At the quayside lay a ship formerly on the Fishguard-Rosslare passenger service, now a hospital carrier. Her

staterooms are wards, and sick beds line the promenade deck. On her funnel is painted a large Red Cross.

Neither the ship nor the trains have yet had to deal with anything but accident and sickness cases, but everything is in readiness. In 60 to 90 minutes casualties from the ship can be on their way to their destination in the ambulance trains.

First they will be assembled in great sheds and sorted into categories, surgical or medical, serious or otherwise. Here refreshments will be served, although

the patients will have been given food in the boat, and will have another meal in the train.

Converted passenger coaches are used in the trains. They are models of organisation, with accommodation for medical officers and nursing sisters, as well as the wounded. Everything is designed to save space without sacrificing comfort.

An ordinary "ward" contains 36 cots arranged in three tiers along its sides, but these can be converted to take 40 to 50 sitting patients.

Medical Officers and Registered Nurses are in charge, and Red Cross and St. John Ambulance workers assist.

An appeal has been made in the Press for 20,000 more Scotswomen to add to the Civil Nursing Reserve; leaflets have been widely circulated, and cinemas and theatres throughout Scotland have undertaken to draw attention to the urgent need for recruits. The pay is good with emoluments.



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OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN ELIZABETH WORKING FOR THE FIGHTING FORCES.

The Queen is seen at the head of the table in the Blue Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, where twice a week she meets the employees' household staff, and the wives of the employees at the Royal Mews, at which they make clothes and surgical dressings for the Red Cross for the use of the fighting forces. All enter into this national work with unbounded enthusiasm.

The Red Cross and St. John have delivered by air to Geneva, from London, a consignment of parcels for British prisoners of war in Germany—the first time that the British Red Cross have made use of an aeroplane in war.

We hope this good work will receive very special support.

Their Majesties continue day in and day out to come into touch with the community. The London mansions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India have all been recently visited, and residents from

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