

dead and the companionship they share. Killed by shell, bomb, torpedo, drowning, dysentery, fevers, sickness, cut off in the flower of womanhood, life was very sweet. But they least of all would regret the cause of their going or wish it otherwise. Only we who were brought close to them think at times of the eager, willing feet, the gentle, every-ready hands, the never-flagging service, the easily-earned laughter, the abundant welling sympathy . . . the sweet tenderness of the help given to restless wanderers through the Valley of the Shadow. And now they in turn have crossed the Valley and gained the glory of that company. Imagine a sun-bathed hillside, receding to a purple blue haze and stretching to a silver-ribbed river, a green film on each levelled brown field, each bush and hedgerow an abiding place of song birds. Round an open grave stand "at attention" nursing women and khaki men, a cordon, a firing party, and a bugler. Under the Union Jack is a rough wooden coffin with a slight girlish burden, and over it comes the mellow, dignified tones of the padre in the words of the Burial Service and an address—"Be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

One of the most wonderful things in these wonderful days has been the attitude of the women (says the "Daily Mail"). At the front the women in khaki, the nursing sisters, V.A.D.'s, and W.A.A.C.'s have done their part in hours of great danger, under heavy shell fire, with a quiet determination worthy of the mothers and sisters of our Empire. At home the vast hosts with dear ones on the fighting front keep their anxieties hidden and face the world with the demand that something more may be found for them to do to help England. Work is awaiting them. This is to be the women's year. They have already done enormously in this war. They will do much more. The call has gone out for many more recruits for V.A.D.'s—i.e., untrained voluntary assistant nurses in hospitals. The able-bodied young woman without definite war occupation will soon be looked upon with the same reproach with which three years ago we regarded the young man who had not entered the war. An American visitor recently told me (continues the writer) that what chiefly impressed him in England was the way our women had undertaken war work. "I have visited the different Allied countries," he said. "Nowhere else have I seen anything like it. The large numbers of young women in khaki and the great armies of them in the munition shops are a revelation of what women can do. Young girls are not content to wear pretty uniforms. They are working hard, ugly work, working long hours, at hard physical tasks, and looking so cheerful over it that one would believe they really enjoyed it. Your women are the real goods."

The queen carnival in the Thames district in aid of the Red Cross funds has concluded after a six weeks' campaign. The voting for the local queen closed on Saturday night, with the result that the Hauraki Plains queen, Miss O'Carroll, was elected by a considerable majority over the Valley queen, Mrs. Bax, the voting being: Hauraki Plains, 222,346; Valley, 162,363; Soldiers (Miss Marie Clendon), 102,791; Navy (Mrs. S. Hague-Smith), 74,084. For each vote a charge of threepence was made, with the result that £7019 16s. was secured. There is still more to come in.

Such a suggestion is utterly foolish, says the "Nursing Mirror," referring to the proposal of a New York authority to test girls desirous of becoming nurses by liberating white mice in the room where they are being examined. "Many a girl, keen, hard-working, sympathetic, reliable, and even possessing special aptitude to act as a nursing-helper," it is added, "might be foolish about the wee, sleekit beastie, but would not feel a tremor when assisting at the dressing of a terrible wound."

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wynyard and Miss Wynyard, of Devonport, Auckland, are at present on a visit to Wellington.

In New York there is a good plan for helping the Red Cross. Every shop has a depot, and each customer is asked to give an hour's time helping to roll bandages or to give a donation.

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**Christchurch.**  
The fourth of the Red Cross matches for this season was played at Shirley. There were twenty-five entries. Mrs. Richards was the winner, Mrs. Murphy being second, and Miss Rita Cracroft Wilson third. The club also took the opportunity of saying farewell to W. Iles, the club's professional coach, who is leaving to go into camp. Mrs. Wigram, as captain of the club, presented Mr. Iles with a wristlet watch.

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