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REMINISCENCES

(re. Miss Parsons, a former J. H. H. nurse. By Miss Louisa Loring.)

Miss Loring has promised to write this story out, but in brief it concerns the history of a Miss Parsons, of St. Thomas' Hospital, London, who had been in the British Army as a nursing sister and had received several medals and citations. Miss Loring was ill abroad at a nursing home, and Miss Parsons was sent over with her. This must have been about 1889, and she was in the J.H.H. before the Training School was started - that is before Miss Hampton came. Miss Parsons took care of her there.

Miss Loring never lost track of her, though she returned to England. They frequently corresponded. Finally Miss Parsons was taken ill. This was along in October, 1916. She wrote to Miss Loring saying how much she would like to see W. O. but that she was 30 miles from Oxford and she did not feel willing to call on him as he probably would not remember her, but she was dying of malignant disease. Miss Loring wired W.O. immediately and received a cable the same day saying that he would see her the following afternoon. The correspondence explains the rest of the incident, except for the fact that after Miss Parsons died she left her medals, which was about all that she possessed, as a gift to the Maryland General Hospital where she had been Supt. of Nurses after Miss Hampton's appointment at the J. H. H.