

CALENDAR, 1899.

- 1899.—Sept. 27, 28—Wednesday and Thursday, Examinations for admission.
 Sept. 29, 30—Friday and Saturday, Registration.
 Oct. 2—Monday, First half-year begins.
 Dec. 21-Jan. 2—Christmas recess.
 June 7, 1900—Year ends.

No application will be received for the special course in hospital economics, except through the official Board of Examiners, appointed by the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses. Application should be made direct to the Chairman, Mrs. Hunter Robb, 1,342 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Royal Red Cross.

PRESENTATION AT MALTA.

THE presentation of Royal Red Crosses to two of the Nursing Sisters at Malta was made the occasion of an interesting ceremony. The decorations were presented on August 20th, after the 10 o'clock service, which was fully choral, and which was attended by His Honour, the Deputy Governor, Lieut.-General J. F. Owen, and his staff. The officiating clergyman referred, in the course of his sermon, to the services of the Nursing Sisters about to be honoured.

At the conclusion of the service the troops were drawn up in a hollow square, with the officers in front.

His Honour the Deputy Governor then delivered an address as follows:—

"Major Pelly, Officers and Men,—Her Most Gracious Majesty Empress and Queen Victoria has been pleased to confer a distinguished mark of her favour upon the two ladies present, Superintendent of Nurses Miss Mark, and Nursing Sister Miss Payne, in conferring upon them the Order of the Royal Red Cross, one which a Royal Princess is proud to wear.

"This high distinction has been bestowed upon them in recognition of their arduous self-sacrifice, skilful nursing, and tender care for those officers and men who were wounded or fell sick in recent time in Crete.

"I have been directed to carry out the pleasant duty of presenting to them the insignia which have been sent here.

"There can be no more fitting occasion for doing so than in the presence of the comrades of those soldiers whom, by their skill and solicitude, these Nursing Sisters have aided to pass through sickness and suffering to renewed health and happiness."

Here His Honour, assisted by Mrs. MacNamara, pinned on the Crosses with a few kind words of congratulation to each Sister.

Then, turning again to the Parade, he said: "On my own behalf and on yours, I wish these ladies, so highly honoured, all health and happiness for many long years to come, and that they may, like ministering angels as they are, continue their noble work of tending the sick and wounded soldier." The Parade was then dismissed.

The ceremony, owing to the heat, was a brief one, but most striking and picturesque. Directly behind His Honour, his staff and the Nursing Sisters, was the old Auberge de Castile, and on the steps were ladies who had donned their most festive attire in honour of the occasion, and officers in their uniforms. The beautiful island of Malta, with its clear air, brilliant sunshine, and quaint buildings, forms an admirable setting for such a scene, and the function was a most successful and brilliant one. At its conclusion the Nursing Sisters, wearing the recently bestowed decorations, were the recipients of many hearty congratulations.

PRESENTATION AT MURREE.

Miss E. M. Barker, of the Indian Nursing Service, was presented with the Royal Red Cross at Murree, on July 25th. The Queen had intimated her wish that the ceremony should be as impressive as possible, and accordingly, General Sir Power Palmer, commanding the Punjab forces, assembled the head-quarters staff and all other available officers in review order, and the principal ladies of the station were invited by Lady Palmer to a garden party in order to give them an opportunity of being present at the ceremony.

Miss Barker, during the frontier campaign, was shut up in one of the Malabund forts, being the only woman in it, and worked night and day nursing the wounded, besides being constantly under fire. She also rendered great service at the base hospital during the same campaign. This is not the first occasion on which Miss Barker has distinguished herself. She has already received a medal for saving life from fire, having carried a burning patient out of a hospital at great risk to her own life.

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