

The Welsh Hospital Memorial.

Of all the hospitals which took part in the nursing of the sick and wounded during the Boer War none suffered more severely from illness and death, amongst the medical and nursing staff, than that which was equipped and officered by the Welsh nation. Last week a beautiful memorial brass in memory of those who died in its service was unveiled in St. David's Cathedral by Lord Penrhyn in the presence of a representative gathering, including the Bishop and Dean of St. David's and Sir John Williams, Chairman, of the Hospital Committee. Lord Penrhyn spoke from the lectern of the work done by the brave men and women to whom the tablet was dedicated, and said that future generations in Wales would be influenced by their lives and work. The brass bears in a circle at its head a proper heraldic representation of the Red Dragon of Wales. The inscription, which is throughout in plain block capitals, is as follows:—"The Welsh Hospital in South Africa. This tablet was placed in this Cathedral Church by the Committee of the Welsh Hospital in South Africa in memory of those members of the Medical and Nursing Staff of the Hospital who died for their country in the Boer War in 1900 and 1901—Professor William Hughes, M.B., F.R.C.S., Professor Thomas Jones, M.B., F.R.C.S., Herbert Davies, M.B., Thomas Richard Eames, Dresser, Marion Lloyd, Royal Red Cross, Matron, Florence Louise Sage, Nursing Sister." Dean Howell accepted the charge of the memorial on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, and said that the people of Wales might rest assured that the brass, and the flag of the Hospital, which had waved over the suffering and dying in South Africa, would be guarded by them among the most precious treasures of the Cathedral. St. David's Cathedral had along the centuries being regarded in a peculiar sense as their national Sanctuary, and he hoped it would increasingly become the Westminster Abbey of Wales. But he ventured to say that none of the memorials it contained represented human worth in a higher degree than the one just unveiled.

The most heart-moving of all considerations connected with the occasion was the fact that it commemorated those who sacrificed their lives in the service of humanity. Thousands of others were stricken down by disease and the sword in the recent campaign, whose splendid courage and endurance had shed honour on their race. But not less brave, and not less chivalrous, surely, were those who day by day and night after night stood face to face with death within the Welsh Hospital. The unflinching courage of those who fought with disease and death within the Hospital Tent was as sublime and heroic a courage as was that shown in sweeping the veldt, or in storming the kopjes.

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The King has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Miss Henrietta Wedgwood, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

His Majesty has also sanctioned the appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England of Helen Mrs. Man Stuart, Louisa Jane Mrs. Herbert Campbell, and Her Grace Adeline Marie Duchess of Bedford, as Ladies of Grace.

The *Lancet* offers its sincere congratulations to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses to whom the charge of His Majesty the King during the recent weeks of anxiety was entrusted, and says:—"With the eyes not of their countrymen only, but of the whole world upon them, they have successfully done the duty that was allotted to them, and the conclusion at which they aimed they have triumphantly arrived at." It is pleasant to note in a medical contemporary the recognition that modern nursing is an important factor in the successful treatment of disease.

Those who were present at the distribution of medals to the staffs of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospitals at Devonshire House by Her Majesty the Queen noticed the biograph photographer busy at work. Photographs of the ceremony are now being produced on the biograph at the Palace Theatre.

It has been an unfeigned pleasure to us to receive within the last week from the War Office an official communication signed "Sidney Browne, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S." It brought vividly before us the fact that the reform for which we have been pleading for so many years is accomplished, and that a trained Superintendent of Nursing is actually installed in charge of our Army Nursing Department. We shall file this letter and keep it with many other interesting documents, which prove that all good things come at length to those who wait—and work.

By a curious coincidence we also received by the same post a letter dated from the War Department at Washington, signed "Dita H. Kinney," Mrs.

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