

of their number whose names we publish above. It is thoroughly well deserved, not only by those who receive it, but by many others of whom they are representative, and the warm congratulations of their colleagues as well as of the public are sincerely offered to the nurses who are so finely upholding the best professional traditions.

A colleague writes concerning Miss F. M. Hodgins, Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service: "I am sure she has well earned any honour bestowed upon her, for she is an indefatigable worker, and nothing that she could do to add to the comfort or happiness of her patients and staff would be too much trouble for her to undertake. She is also one of those fortunate people who are gifted with a keen sense of humour and a very ready wit. Her gay laugh has dispelled many a cloud that seemed almost impenetrable, and her wit surmounted difficulties that would seem impassable, yet her wit and humour are controlled by her great kindness and sympathy, and no laugh that she raises will have any element of spite in it, or any action of hers any meanness." She was trained by St. John's House, Queen Square, W.C.

Our pictures show Miss F. M. Hodgins, Miss C. Elston, and Miss Nora Fletcher.

Most of Miss Elston's work since gaining her certificate at the London Hospital has been done in Bordeaux, first with Dr. Anna Hamilton, and



MISS NORA FLETCHER, R.R.C.,
Principal Matron in France, British Red Cross Society.



MISS F. M. HODGINS, R.R.C.,
Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S.

then at the Tondu Hospital, where with the late Dr. Lande, she established a training school for French girls in this municipal hospital, which has turned out pupils who are now carrying on the good work in several parts of France. Progressive in all things, Miss Elston is well known to the international group of nurses as she attended the International Congresses both in Paris and London, and she will receive many warm congratulations on the distinction conferred upon her by the King.

Miss Fletcher, who was trained in Australia, is at present Principal Matron in France under the Joint War Committee. The honour conferred upon her will give much pleasure to our Australian colleagues.

Miss Muriel Oakey, R.R.C., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oakey of 12, Cotham Grove, Bristol. She received her general training, and also six months' training in Massage, at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and holds the certificate of the Hospital and also of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. She is one of eight nurses sent by the General Hospital, Birmingham, to the Reserve known as the "Civil Hospital Reserve," and was called up to join No. 1 General Hospital on August 11th, at Dublin, whence she sailed for France a few days later. The news that she has been awarded the Royal Red Cross has been received with great pleasure at her training school.

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