

trained at the London Hospital, especially as the certificate of the school is given at the end of two, instead of a three years' training. These promotions have not escaped the criticism of the profession, members of which see no justice in this monopoly by the pupils of the London Hospital.

To the honours gained by the members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service must be added the Military Medal awarded to Sister Leila Helen Ann Thomson, for her conspicuous services. We are indebted to the Editor of the *Queen* for our picture of Miss Thomson.

MORE SCRAPS OF PAPER.

The torpedoing of the hospital ship, *Rewa*, in the Bristol Channel, in spite of the pledge given by the enemy, is one more crime against humanity. The *Rewa* carried all the lights and markings required by the Hague Convention, and was not, and had not, been within the so-called barred zone, as delineated in the statement issued by the German Government on January 29th. Nevertheless, the torpedo crashed right through the Red Cross on her side. Why place any credence in the pledges of the enemy?

Pledges merit respect only when made by an honourable foe, and honour is a quality

in which the German nation has proved itself totally lacking. Happily, all the wounded were quickly removed, first to the boats and then on to rescuing ships, and the men, cheered by the four nurses, who threw blankets overboard to them and gave their cloaks to the stretcher cases, afterwards accompanying them in the boats, sang as they went.

It was only ten minutes after the last boat was loaded that the ship plunged headlong and disappeared. The boats, after being adrift for two hours were picked up by rescuing steamers and taken to the nearest port, where some of the wounded were taken to the local hospitals and others sent to town in an ambulance train. Every one speaks highly of the coolness and courage of the nurses, but what would surprise us would be

to hear they failed in their duty. Its now a foregone conclusion that the British nurse is "some woman"!

We are glad to learn that the King has conferred the decoration of the Albert Medal on Private Samuel Arnold Bodsworth, R.A.M.C. When the *Salla* was sunk, all the occupants of one of her swamped boats were rescued by the *Druid*, but a nursing Sister and Private Bodsworth. The Sister was too exhausted to hold the ropes thrown to her and eventually became unconscious. Refusing

the chance of rescue, Private Bodsworth persisted in remaining with the Sister in the boat, and after she had fallen overboard, hauled her back again at considerable risk to himself, in a rough sea. Eventually he succeeded in placing a line round her body, by which she was hauled on board the *Druid*.



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ARMY MEDICAL AND NURSING SERVICES.

Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh, G.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., Director-General of the Army Medical Service, has been permitted to resume his duties as General Executive Officer to the Imperial College of Science and Technology, and will be replaced at the War Office, from March 1st, by Colonel T. H. J. C. Goodwin, C.M.G.,

D.S.O., Royal Army Medical Corps. The personality of the Director-General, A.M.S., is of the utmost importance to trained Nurses, as he is the real head of the Army Nursing Services, and his policy nearly affects their economic and social conditions.

Sir Alfred Keogh is known as an ardent "Red Cross" man, so far as nursing is concerned, and we venture to differ from much of his policy, as it has affected professional nurses during the war.

Colonel Goodwin, as far as nursing is concerned, is an unknown quantity, but the country owes him a warm modicum of admiration and gratitude for his devoted professional services at the front, as he served through the heroic days of Mons and the Marne and Ypres, and he has won the admira-

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