

## OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

MISS ISOBEL M. MACKINTOSH, A.R.R.C., SISTER,  
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We regret to have to record the death, at the early age of 31, of Sister Isobel Mackintosh, who died at her post on July 10th.

Miss Mackintosh, who was a daughter of Mr. A. R. Mackintosh, of Glenlyon Lodge, Nairn and Kincorth, Forres, received her four years' training at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, London, and almost immediately after war broke out she volunteered for active service at the Front. From 1914 to 1916 she served in British hospitals at Wimereux, Calais, and Le Touquet, and was recently awarded the Mons Ribbon.

In 1917 she was appointed Sister-in-Charge of one of the medical blocks at Bermondsey Military Hospital, Ladywell, where her death from acute influenzal pneumonia took place. She had had a number of soldiers with influenza under her charge, whom she had nursed with great devotion.

Sister Mackintosh (Sister "Mac" as she was affectionately called) was a great favourite with staff and patients alike, and acted as Night Superintendent at Ladywell before being appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was recently awarded the Royal Red Cross (2nd Class) for her valuable services during the war.

The large attendance at her funeral indicated how deeply she was mourned. The medical and nursing staff with the invalid soldiers filled the hospital chapel, while men from her own wards carried the coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack and covered with flowers. One beautiful wreath was labelled "from the 'Boys' of D Section, in grateful and loving memory."

I take my heart in my hand, I shall not die  
but live.

Before Thy face I stand, I for Thou callest  
such.

All that I have I bring, all that I am I give;  
Smile Thou, and I shall sing, but shall  
not question much.

C. ROSSETTI.

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE TRAINING OF V.A.D. MEMBERS AS NURSES.

Mr. W. H. Bonham-Carter, Secretary, Nightingale Training School, informs us in the following letter of the terms on which V.A.D. members will be received for training at St. Thomas' Hospital:—

Dear Madam,—The conditions under which V.A.D. Nursing Members and Special Military Probationers, who have served in military hospitals for a consecutive period of not less than two years, who are considered suitable, and who desire to become trained nurses with a view to subsequently entering Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, have now been defined. Three

years' training in a civil hospital training school being a necessary condition, it has been decided by the Committee of the Nightingale Training School at St. Thomas' Hospital to admit such candidates under the conditions now applying to special probationers but without payment of the usual fees, and they will therefore, after passing the short preliminary training in the Preliminary School, and subject to their qualifying in the usual examinations, receive their certificate on the completion of three years' work in the wards.

I, therefore, crave the courtesy of your columns to make this decision public.

I am, dear Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
W. H. BONHAM CARTER,  
Secretary, Nightingale  
Training School.



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It is an open secret that it was the influence brought to bear through the British Red Cross Society, supported by the Matrons on the Army Nursing Boards, and the College of Nursing Council, which has induced the Army Council to issue Instruction 678, styling V.A.D. nursing members and special military probationers, when they enter a general hospital for training, "Probationers for Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service" and giving them priority of promotion to the Service when trained.

This Instruction will, *in practice*, make it impossible for civil probationers, even with four years' certificates, to enter this Imperial Nursing Service for years to come, as a rota of V.A.D.s after three years' general training will be kept, and if no vacancy exists for them they are promised future

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