

## THE WORK OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

(Officially Communicated.)

What the St. John Ambulance Association is doing in this moment of crisis is of no small matter. It has supplied 2,830 trained orderlies to the Army; 2,380 to the Military Home Hospitals' Reserve; 450 to the Expeditionary Force; 1,200 to the Navy; 300 to private hospitals (*i.e.*, hospitals other than those of the M.H.H.R.); and 50 to the French Red Cross.

But there is also an enormous amount of work being done by the Foreign Service and Trained Nurses' Department—a department under the able chairmanship of Sir Claude Macdonald, K.C.B. This department has been largely re-organized by Miss A. Claridge (of H.R.H. Princess Christian A.N.S.R.), whose wide experience of nursing under all conditions and circumstances, in many lands, have made her especially suitable for the task in hand. The Foreign Service Department of St. John Ambulance Association has selected and appointed 121 nurses, who are now at the front, and new calls come every day.

Where nurses can afford to give their services they do so; where this is impossible, the St. John Ambulance Association pays their salaries.

Every care is taken to safeguard our nursing sisters who are sent on active service, and those hospital units and parties of nurses who go out under our auspices. In all cases the qualifications of the candidates have been carefully looked into and passed by us.

It is officially notified by the War Office that the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem forms part of the Red Cross Organisation of Great Britain, equally with the British Red Cross Society and the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association; and is recognized by the British Government under Article 10 of the Geneva Convention as a Society to assist the Medical Services in time of War.

Indeed, St. John Ambulance Association is the senior branch, having rendered great service to the country since 1877. With regard to Miss Cutler's party of fourteen who left for Brussels on August 19th they were originally selected by this department in response to a telegram from the Belgian Red Cross, but on Mrs. Bedford Fenwick receiving an urgent telegram from Dr. Marcelle of Brussels asking for thirty nurses, they were dispatched under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association to the Hospital of St. Jean where they will have found, already at work, several members of our previous parties. The salaries of all these nurses are being paid by the St. John Ambulance Association.

The St. John Ambulance Association is deeply indebted to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for the help she has given it in sending nurses in answer to our call for aid for the front.

## DESPATCHED TO THE FRONT.

### ANTWERP.

#### I.

In response to a telegram from the British Minister at Antwerp for three nurses, received on August 24th, the following nurses were despatched by the St. John Ambulance Association on August 25th:—

Miss Lucy A. Mary Brown, London Hospital and University College Hospital.

Miss K. E. Williams, Liverpool Infirmary.

Miss Gwladys Grace Williams, St. Mary's Hospital.

#### II.

St. John Ambulance Association received a second telegram from the British Minister at Antwerp, "Could you send eight more trained nurses?" The telegram was received August 27th. The nurses were despatched August 28th.

*Matron:* Miss Charlotte Irene K. Sumner, Leicester Royal Infirmary. *Matron (Acting),* 4th Northern General Hospital, Leicester.

Miss Olive Aked, Pendlebury Hospital, Manchester, and City Hospital, Edinburgh.

Miss Rose Irene Lethbridge, Melbourne Hospital, Australia.

Miss Mary Alice Hayes, Southampton Infirmary. Subsequently Sister.

Miss Agnes Mary Higgs, Southampton Infirmary. Subsequently Sister.

Miss Grace A. Hodgson, Perth Public Hospital, Australia. Sister, Auckland.

Miss Florence E. Carter, Fever Nursing, Croydon; General, Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport. H.R.H. Princess Christian Trained Nurse.

Miss Adelaide Blanche Cordner, Lambeth Infirmary, and Sister. Private nursing. H.R.H. Princess Christian Trained Nurse.

### PARIS.

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The following nurses were despatched to Paris to the French Red Cross, in response to a telegram from the Association's representative, Mr. Oppenheimer, on August 31st.

*Matron:* Miss Barbara Barber, Croydon Infirmary, Ranyard Nurse; Sister-in-Charge Nursing Home.

Miss Annie Brown, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow; Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss Alice G. Bryan, Bristol General Hospital.

Miss Florence M. Cleaveley, St. George's Infirmary, London, E.

Miss Jean Crombie, Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas' Hospital.

Miss Sybil Senior Gardiner, Children's Hospital, Shadwell; London Hospital.

Miss Alice Mary Letts, Union Infirmary, Wolverhampton.

Miss Jean Brown McAdam, Lambeth Infirmary and Western Hospital.

Miss Mary Clare Meredith, Nursing Home, 9, John Street.

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