

M. Millerand, the French Minister for War, has introduced a Bill in the French Chamber, calling for the creation of a special medal, which is to be given to all those fighting at the Front. Those who have been dangerously wounded, will receive the medal with a special inscription. We need such recognition in England for our wonderful volunteers. We always salute the "blue," but our wounded well deserve reward.

The Duchess of Somerset, who has given most devoted service during the war, will be glad to take charge of any parcels intended for wounded in the hospitals at Malta and at the Dardanelles. Small pillows, socks, sheets, blankets, and bandages are urgently required; and if sent to 35, Grosvenor Square would be forwarded without any further trouble to those who contribute them.

We are glad to learn that the Actresses' Franchise League have dropped their scheme for a British Women's Hospital, in France, for which they required the public to subscribe £50,000. There has been much too much money solicited for organizing hospitals for the wounded by persons who know nothing of their management, but who with no expert knowledge assume entire control. Much money has thus been wasted, and no end of bickering and disorganization the result. Because a woman is a charming actress, is no reason why she should instantly, in time of war, become an expert nurse and domestic manager; and we congratulate our actresses and the French soldiers that they have postponed their particular effort for forming another Volunteer Hospital in France, and have decided to devote all their energies to support the scheme for converting the famous Star and Garter Hotel, at Richmond, into a home for the permanently disabled soldier and sailor at home.

We are glad to hear that Serbia's Day was a great success, and 3,000,000 flags were sold in London alone; and the donations were not confined to small coins. The Serbian Relief Fund should have quite a handsome sum in hand.

Progress is being made in the organisation of the Anglo-Russian Hospital, which it is proposed to establish as near the firing-line as possible, with a British medical and nursing staff, under the Russian Red Cross Society. It is hoped to secure sufficient funds to maintain for at least one year a hospital of 200 beds, for which enterprise £30,000 is required. The staff, it is suggested, should be composed of: Medical Staff, 8; dispenser, 1; mechanic, 1; Matron; Sisters, 8; Nurses, 22; chef, 1; orderlies, 75; including kitchen staff. Lady Muriel Paget is acting as Hon. Secretary to the scheme, and will proceed to Russia to consult the Russian Red Cross as soon as the scheme is sufficiently advanced.

Professor Bernard Pares, the official correspondent with the Russian armies in the field, has assured Lady Muriel that help from England will

be warmly received in Russia, as he is convinced that at this moment everything should be done to convince people that co-operation between the Allies is not only whole-hearted, but effective, and he welcomes any opportunity of helping the work of the Anglo-Russian *entente*.

At the request of the French military authorities a field hospital entirely staffed by women is to be established between the official military "Scottish Women's Hospital" at Royaumont and the firing line. It is desirable that this field hospital should be equipped with the very latest devices of science for the alleviation of the sufferings of the wounded and their rapid transport to the base hospitals.

It is intended, if possible, to attach to this field hospital a travelling X-Ray ambulance at a cost of £1,000.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Newton, Montgomery, County Infirmiry.**—Miss A. Cragg has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmiry and Eye Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, where she was Sister and Night Superintendent. She was also Sister at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and Royal Hospital, Portsmouth; Matron of the Smiley Cottage Hospital, Larne, at the Cottage Hospital, Ledbury, and Temporary Matron at the Montgomery County Infirmiry.

**Wells-next-Sea Cottage Hospital, Norfolk.**—Miss Halliwell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Birmingham Infirmiry, and has been Sister at Singapore General Hospital, Home Sister at Burnley Infirmiry, and Matron at the Park Lane Nursing Home, Barnstaple.

**Isolation Hospital, Stafford.**—Miss Elizabeth Rugg has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmiry, Huddersfield; and has been Charge Nurse at Stockton Infirmiry; Sister at West Cumberland Infirmiry; and is at present the Senior Sister at Fylde Joint Hospital, Lytham.

**Adamson College Hospital, Cupar.**—Miss Elaine de Ratkovski, a Russian, whose father was over forty years professor of languages in England, has taken up her duties as Interim Matron at the Adamson College Hospital, Cupar, in succession to Miss Munro resigned. Miss Martin, the Matron of the Hospital, is at present doing duty at Craigeleith Hospital.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Royal Edinburgh Asylum.**—Miss Martha Walker has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Inverness District Asylum, and the Hull Royal Infirmiry, and has been Sister and Night Superintendent at the latter hospital.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Royal Liverpool County Hospital for Children, Heswall, Cheshire.**—Miss Annie Whiteley has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at

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