THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

A Royal Warrant, dated November 10th, was gazetted on Tuesday night for enlarging the Order of the Royal Red Cross, instituted by Queen Victoria on St. George's Day, 1883, "For zeal and devotion in providing for and nursing sick and wounded sailors, soldiers, and others, with the army in the field, on board ships, or in hospitals."

The decoration is now divided into two classes. It is provided that the First Class shall consist of a Cross, enamelled red, edged with gold, having on the arms thereof the words, Faith, Hope, Charity, with the date of the institution of the decoration; the centre having thereon in relief the Royal and Imperial Effigy. On the reverse thereof the Royal and Imperial Cipher and Crown

shall be shown in relief on the centre.

The Second Class shall consist of a Cross which shall be of the same form and size as in the First Class, but shall be of frosted silver and shall have superimposed thereon a Maltese Cross enamelled red not exceeding half its dimensions, the centre having thereon in relief the Royal and Imperial Effigy. The reverse shall have inscribed on the arms thereof the words Faith, Hope, Charity, and the date of institution of the original decoration, and shall bear in the centre in relief the Royal and Imperial Cipher and Crown.

The Cross in either class shall be attached to a dark blue riband edged red, of one inch in width, tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, as well as the Secretary of State for War, is empowered to recommend for the decoration any members of the Nursing Services or other persons engaged in nursing duties, whether subjects or foreign persons, for special devotion and competency with the Army in the field or in the naval and military hospitals.

The awards in the first class are not to exceed 2 per cent., and in the second class 5 per cent., of the total establishment of nurses, save in exceptional circumstances. Recipients of the first class will be designated "Members of the Royal Red Cross," and will be entitled to the letters "R.R.C." following their names, and recipients of the second class will, be designated "Associates of the Royal Red Cross, and will be entitled to the letters "A.R.R.C." following their names.

Honorary membership and associateship may be conferred on Royaî or other ladies for cause shown.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:—

Auxiliary Military Hospital, Moor Park, Preston. Miss M. Woodfin.

V.A.D. Hospital, Chippenham, Wilts.—Miss E. Tomlin.

V.A.D. Hospital, Hayling Island.-Miss L. Hogarth.

 $ec{V}.A.D.$ Hospital, Garswood Hall, Newton le Willows.-Miss M. Brown.

Highbury Hospital, Birmingham.—Mrs. K. M. Wadkin.

Brooklands, Weybridge.—Miss H. L. Oakley. Percy House Military Hospital, Isleworth.— Miss D. M. Mann.

Military Hospital, Grove Road, Richmond.—Miss H. A. Bruce.

V.A.D. Hospital, Copse Hall, Upper Slaughter, Glos.—Miss C. F. Viliesid.

Red Cross Hospital, Studley Court, Stourbridge.— Miss B. E. Merewether.

Divisional Clearing Hospital, Bedford.—Miss G. Baesjou.

V.A.D. Hospital, Pinner Place, Pinner.-Miss C. Murison.

Barham Lodge, Weybridge.—Miss J. M. Aitken. Woodcliffe Military Hospital, Wargrave, Berks.— Miss M. S. Rae.

Auxiliary Hospital, Nethercourt, Ramsgate.-Miss A. L. Parsons.

V.A.D. Hospital, Weir House, Balham.-Miss D. Kimber.

V.A.D. Hospital, The Great Hermitage, Higham,

nr. Rochester.—Miss L. E. Humphreys.
Red Cross Hospital, Ashlawn, Rugby.—Mrs.

Bannister.

V.A.D. Hospital, Uppingham.—Miss J. Parkes. De Walden Court Hospital, Meads Road, Eastbourne.—Mrs. E. J. Nye and Miss B. I. Stephens. Jeffrey Hall, Sunderland.—Miss A. McCullock and Miss M. S. Cuthbertson.

Polkemmet Auxiliary Hospital, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.—Miss J. Torrance.
V.A.D. Hospital, Town Hall, Burton-on-Trent.—

Miss G. Eastwood.

Red Cross Hospital, Wymondham, Norfolk .--Miss C. M. Jonson.

V.A.D. Hospital, New Road, Burnham Crouch.

Miss E. B. Swan.

Hillsborough Hospital, Harlow, Essex.-Miss M. J. Stafford.

4, Percival Terrace, Brighton.-Miss J. G. Macleod.

No. 4 Temporary Hospital, Exeter.—Mrs. Watson. Hazlewood, Ryde, I.W.-Miss Rigdon.

Victoria Auxiliary Home Hospital, Stretford, nr. Manchester .- Mrs. Macan.

The Priory Military Hospital, Frimley, Surrey .-Miss J. Hickie.

Red Cross Hospital, Oakhurst, Erith.-Mrs. C. Bell.

Vernon Institute Hospital, Gt. Langhall, Chester. -Mrs. L. Allan.

V.A.D. Hospital, Balcombe, Sussex.-Miss F.

Mrs. Jameson's Military Hospital, Rye, nr. Hastings.—Miss E. J. Hurlston (Matron.)

Miss Maughan went last week to St. John's Brigade Hospital, Etaples, to replace a Sister who is returning.

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