

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

## THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss Emily Cox and Miss Elizabeth Ferguson had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on Saturday, March 4th, when he bestowed upon them the Royal Red Cross (First Class).

The King has also been pleased to confer the Royal Red Cross (Second Class) on Miss C. E. A. Thorpe, Matron, and the Hon. Angela Manners, Sister (organiser of the "Manners Ambulance"), in recognition of their valuable service and devotion to duty from August to November, 1914, whilst working under the Belgian Red Cross in Flanders.

Our portraits include two other recipients of the decoration (First Class), viz.:

Miss A. E. Montgomery Wilson, R.R.C., Principal Matron at the 3rd Western General Hospital, Cardiff, who was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and was Sister at the West Kent Hospital, Maidstone. After holding the position of Matron at the Tewkesbury Hospital and at Cromwell House, Highgate, she was appointed Lady Superintendent at King Edward VII's Hospital, Cardiff (then the Cardiff Infirmary), a position she has held for over twenty-two years. She saw active service in the South African War, and when the Territorial Force Nursing Service was inaugurated Miss Wilson was appointed a Principal Matron, and in the 3rd Western General Hospital and its extensions is now responsible for the organisation of the nurses for between 2,000 and 3,000 beds.

Miss Phoebe Steele, R.R.C., Matron at Mount Vernon Military Hospital, Hampstead, who was trained at the Meath Hospital, Dublin, and has been a member of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for the past eleven years.

Lady Grogan, Chairman of the Staffs Subcommittee of the Serbian Relief Fund, wishes to state that none of the persons appearing in a photograph of a British Hospital Staff in Serbia, which was reproduced in the *Daily Mirror* of January 19th, belong to the organisation of the Serbian Relief Fund. We referred some weeks ago to this most disgraceful picture, and think the names of those nurses represented in it should be made known, so that they should not be permitted to do further military service.



SISTER FERGUSON LEAVING BUCKINGHAM PALACE AFTER RECEIVING THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The Army Council place on record in Army Orders their appreciation of the presence of mind and devotion to duty shown by the Royal Army Medical Corps *personnel* on the occasion of the sinking of the hospital ship *Anglia*, which struck a mine on November 17th, 1915. Through the courage and presence of mind of the Matron, Mrs. Mitchell, and the devotion of the Nursing Sisters, most of the cot-cases were evacuated from the ship. In this work Lieutenants P. L. T. Bennet and H. W. Hodgson, R.A.M.C., were conspicuous, and, aided by Privates Darwen and McGuire, of the same corps, they succeeded in saving wounded from the lower wards when they were awash, and almost submerged.

It was reported at the quarterly meeting of the London Hospital last week that three of its nurses were killed by the accident to His Majesty's ship *Natal*. Ten of the nurses had been mentioned in

despatches since the last quarterly court.

We have been unable to obtain any information in reply to our question, Have the War Office authorities decided to stop the allowances for lodging, fuel, light, &c., up to now paid as part of the emoluments of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and the Territorial Force Nursing Service? But we hear unofficially that a

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