

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Miss Mabel Tunley, R.R.C., Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, has, as we have reported, been awarded the Military Medal for bravery. At an "At Home," given at the chateau of the General in command (somewhere in France, very close to the German lines), at which the officers and nurses in the district were present, the General pinned the ribbon on Miss Tunley, and said how pleased the King was at the nurse's winning it. Speeches of congratulation were "most embarrassing" to this modest heroine, so we hear. The King will present the medal later at Buckingham Palace.

Last Sunday a reredos erected to the memory of the late Edith Cavell, in Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, was unveiled by the Bishop of the diocese. When in Norwich, Miss Cavell was accustomed to attend Holy Trinity, and her mother is still a member of the congregation. The reredos represents the Last Supper, according to the conception of Leonardo da Vinci. On the wall of the chancel is a brass plate bearing the following inscription: "To the glory of God, the reredos in this church was subscribed for and erected by some admirers of Edith Cavell, the martyr nurse, eldest daughter of the Rev. F. and Mrs. Cavell, of Swardston and Norwich, who was shot in Brussels, October 12th, 1915, to fittingly perpetuate the memory of one who laid down her life for others and ever to remind us of the power of the Cross of Christ to those who would follow, as she did, in the Master's train. 'Patriotism is not enough; I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.' (From her last words)."

The Cavell Memorial Nurse, Miss Alice Fitzgerald, who was financed in Massachusetts, U.S.A., for service with the Allies, sends interesting letters from France to the *Johns Hopkins Nurses' Magazine*. In the last she said: "I wish I could convey to you the appreciation of those in authority for the gift of a nurse which you

have made them. Only yesterday, Sir Arthur Sloggett, the director-general of the British hospitals in France, called on me and told me how welcome I was and how glad they were to have me. The sentiment that prompted you all to send me is of course what they appreciate, because my pair of hands cannot do much." Miss Fitzgerald wears a beautiful silver medal—silver American eagle, enamelled, with a Red Cross on a shield on his breast, from which hangs a silver medallion with "Edith Cavell Memorial" lettered on the medal. It has been much admired, and Miss Fitzgerald is proud of it, both for its beauty and because it marks her, wherever she goes, with the name of so precious a person.



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The Army Council intimates that in future all paid probationers employed in nursing duties in military hospitals are to receive uniform allowance at the rate of £2 half-yearly instead of £1 quarterly, as at present. The allowance will be issuable in advance in the beginning of each six months' engagement, and any member breaking her engagement within three months of its commencement will be required to refund £1 of the allowance.

Probationers at present serving who receive the allowance at the rate of £1 a quarter payable in arrear will receive their allowance under the new mode of issue the next time they sign the agreement for a further six months' service. A minimum of 48 working hours in the week will be required.

One hour off should be given for dinner, and half-an-hour for tea. One day leave off will be given every week, if possible; and 14 days' leave in the year.

The editor of the *Evening Standard* has received the following letter from "A Vice-President, Red Cross Society":—

"Sir,—In allusion to your paragraph, the 'Ministering Minx,' in the issue of September 2nd, may I say that I have reason to believe that there is a widespread feeling of indignation among the V.A. Detachments on account of the arrogance and incivility of the trained nurse?"

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