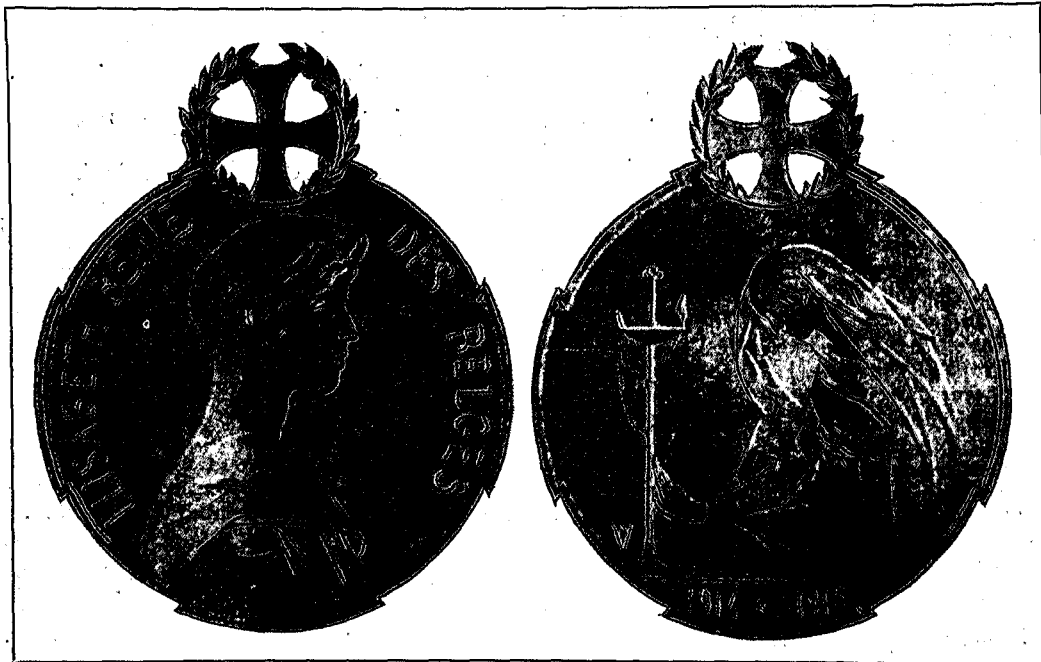


a member of the Matrons' Council, and is one of the five delegates on the Central Registration Committee of the Scottish Nurses' Association.

The new Belgian War decoration—the Queen Elisabeth Medal—will be greatly valued by recipients, and, as it is announced that it is to be conferred without any distinction as to nationality, no doubt British nurses will be amongst those to whom it will be awarded. The announcement reads—"It is proper that the noble devotedness, the constant and discreet sacrifices shown in various war relief work should not sink into oblivion; and charitable people, foreigners as well as Belgians, should receive a public token of national gratitude." The beautiful decoration here illustrated was designed by Victor Rousseau.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss Grace Ellison, the distinguished Scottish woman, who, as *Déléguée du Ministère de la Guerre*, has spent the past two years in France as *Directrice Général* of the French Flag Nursing Corps, has had a very varied and interesting career. She was educated at the Rochester Grammar School, and later at the *École Normal Supérieure* at Sevres Training College for Teachers, preparing herself to teach in *Lyceés* and at the Sorbonne; and was awarded the decoration *Officier de l'Académie Française*. Miss Ellison was also partly educated at the University Halle of Saale, and attended lectures in Rome. She began her journalistic career as foreign politics correspondent of the *Graphic* and *Bystander*, and was



Elisabeth Reine des Belges.

Nurse emblematic of Charity.

BELGIUM'S NEW WAR DECORATION.

On one side is presented a life-like portrait of the Queen, surrounded with the words, "Elisabeth Reine des Belges"; on the reverse is a lovely effigy of a nurse as an emblem of charity, with the date 1914-1916.

The War Office have under consideration the first interim report of the Supply of Nurses Committee which is sitting under the chairmanship of Mr. W. G. Bridgeman, M.P., to consider the existing system of obtaining nurses for hospitals at home and abroad. This report makes certain recommendations to enable the War Office to secure additions to the nursing staff. As the nurses themselves have not been consulted, the result of the recommendations, should they be acted upon, remains yet to be seen.

entrusted with many important missions (1) at the Hague Conference; (2) interview, King Leopold II of Belgium and all the Belgian Royal Family; (3) was sent to Turkey for the opening of Parliament, and then travelled through Austria, Hungary, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Serbia and Bulgaria. But Miss Ellison is primarily a passionate admirer of France and French thought, as all her writings show; and she urged, long before the war, an even closer entente between France and England.

Ardently enthusiastic on the woman's cause, she has written three very successful books—"A Turkish Woman's European Impressions," "Abdul Hamid's Daughter," and a very graphic series of articles on her stay in a Turkish harem, which were published in the *Daily Telegraph*,

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