

NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King invested the following Matrons, Sisters and Staff Nurses with the insignia of the Royal Red Cross at Buckingham Palace on Saturday last:—

FIRST CLASS.—Miss Ethel Gray, Matron, Australian Army Nursing Service, and Miss Frances Epton, Sister, Army Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS.—Miss Elsie Schafer, Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Miss Margaret Porteous, Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Miss Cecily Shaw, Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Miss Laura Pratt, Sister, Australian Army Nursing Service; Miss Florence Nicholls, Sister, Australian Army Nursing Service; Miss Ethel Taylor, Staff Nurse, Civil Hospitals, and Miss Rose Hayes, Staff Nurse, Civil Hospitals.

Miss M. M. Bond, Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, is one of those to receive the decoration of the Royal Red Cross (First Class). We are indebted for our illustration to the editor of the *Lady's Pictorial*.

General Sir Beauchamp Duff, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in India, in a despatch covering the military operations in the Indian Empire since the outbreak of war, and dealing with operations of a minor character in Aden, Gulf of Oman, Sistan, Baluchistan, North Western Frontier, Burma and Madras, includes the names of the following Nursing Sisters with those of officers and men brought to notice for gallantry and good service:—

Q.A.M.N.S. for India: Nursing Sister Miss Ethel Green; Temp. Nursing Sister Miss A. R. I. Lowe (attached); and Nursing Sister Miss M. A. Stroughill.

The Edith Cavell Memorial (Scotland), has taken the form of an annuity scheme. The committee are now prepared to receive and consider applications from retired Scottish nurses.

Particulars can be had on application to the Secretary, Miss Graham, 15, Alva Street, Hon. Edinburgh.

The Millicent Fawcett Hospital Units for Refugees in Russia (N.U.W.S.S., 14, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.) have already established a reputation for thorough and disinterested work, and their help is now sought by the local town councils, and Zemstvos in the Eastern Provinces of Kazan or Middle Russia.

In the town of Kazan, the medical centre for the whole province, thousands of refugees are living, and during the summer many more will be streaming through, bringing in their train cholera, small-pox and other infectious diseases. The governor has for some time been most anxious to open a children's hospital for infectious diseases, but has been unable to do so for lack of funds. He has now handed over buildings to the Millicent Fawcett units and will provide heating and lighting. They have sent doctors and nurses, and the Great Britain to Poland Fund have handed over to them the sum of 6,000 roubles, which has been expended on equipment, drugs and upkeep. Miss Moberly relates that when the offer was reported to the Town

Council everyone present stood in token of respect. The hospital which was opened early in June contains from 50 to 60 beds. When the Mayor of Kazan notified the event to the Lord Mayor of London by telegram, he concluded:— "Mayor Kazan begs you accept warm greetings, considers action British Relief Workers lasting link in chain between friendly Allied Nations."

Friday this week is "France's Day." We hope every reader will do her little bit to make it a success.



MISS M. M. BOND, R.R.C.—MATRON, QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

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