

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King bestowed the Royal Red Cross upon the following ladies at Buckingham Palace on July 19th:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

Miss Emily Barry, Matron, Nursing Staff of Civil Hospitals.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Miss Louie Rogers-Smith, Nursing Staff of Military and War Hospitals; Miss Alice Bowdler, Nursing Staff of Civil Hospitals; Miss Effie Fisher, Nursing Staff of Civil Hospitals; and Miss Decima Hirst, Nursing Staff of Civil Hospitals.

The following ladies were honoured by receiving similar distinctions on July 22nd:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

Miss Eleanor Charleson, Matron, Canadian Army Nursing Service.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Miss Janet Andrews, Sister Canadian Army Nursing Service, and Miss Ethel Holmes, Sister, Canadian Army Nursing Service.

We are informed that Miss Bostock, Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and Miss Emily Barry, Matron of the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, are the only two matrons of civil hospitals who have, as such, been awarded the honour of the Royal Red Cross First Class.

Miss Grace M. Wilson, Matron of the General Hospital, Brisbane, and a Matron in the Australian Army Nursing Service, came over with a contingent of nurses to this country in the early days of the war as Matron of No. 3 Australian Military Hospital (sent to Lemnos) and has since done excellent work. Miss Wilson, who has recently received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, is the daughter of Mr. John P. Wilson, of Brisbane. She was trained at the General Hospital there, and was gold medallist of her year. We are indebted for her portrait to *The Sketch*.

Considering the devoted service rendered by the nursing staffs of the civil hospitals in Dublin during the recent rebellion, it is regrettable that no mention should have been made of them in General Maxwell's report, or does he think they were all "Red Cross nurses"? Members of the

nursing staff of Sir Patrick's Dun's Hospital rendered most conspicuous and devoted service to the wounded, attending to them, under a cross fire, with the utmost coolness, and many others behaved with the greatest gallantry. If ever nurses deserved official recognition, they are the nurses of the Dublin hospitals during the Sinn Fein rising.

Mr. Harold C. C. McIlwraith has placed at the disposal of the Commonwealth Government and Australian Imperial Force his country house, Glen Almond, St. Albans, for the use of convalescent sisters and nurses of the A.A.N.S. Australian Imperial Force. A sister of the Australian Army Nursing Service will be placed in charge.

Now that the Japanese nurses who were working at the Astoria in Paris have returned home, the

hospital will go on under the joint direction of French and British authority. A staff of British nurses will work under French and British doctors and will be helped by a staff of French Red Cross *infirmières*. Lord and Lady Michelham have undertaken to provide the funds for running expenses, and the Baronne de Lesueur will continue to be the French *directrice*. When we visited the hospital last year, this charming lady permitted us to inspect the hospital which was then most admirably organised and supplied by the Japanese staff. Lavish supplies, all marked Tokio, were stored for the use of every department.



MISS GRACE M. WILSON, R.R.C.

We learn from a sister at Vichy that the "Médaille des Epidémies" was awarded to Mrs. W. Dell, not to Miss Dell, as reported. The former lady, though untrained, has been nursing serious cases of contagious disease in France for over a year, and we regret to learn that she is now very ill, suffering with septicemia, contracted in the course of her work. We cannot help expressing the opinion that the nursing of serious cases of contagious disease should only be undertaken by thoroughly trained and seasoned women. The untrained subject both the patients and themselves to risks of which they are unaware.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that nurses holding certificates for three years' general training, who wish to be employed in military hospitals, should apply in writing, without delay, to the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., War Office, for conditions of service.

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