

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Many of the friends of Miss C. Irene K. Sumner, who knew her as a Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and under more exciting circumstances, in Antwerp before and during the bombardment in 1914, will be glad to renew their acquaintance through the picture we are able to publish through the courtesy of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman*. Miss Sumner has had experience of war nursing in France as well as Belgium, and is at present Matron of the Princess Christian Military Hospital, Englefield Green. She is one of the recent recipients of the Royal Red Cross.

Amongst those who have recently been awarded the decoration of the Royal Red Cross (First Class) is Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Matron of the City of London (Military) Hospital, ordinarily the Poor Law Infirmary. Miss Stewart has held the office of Matron in the Guardians' service since 1897, and the *City Press*, by the courtesy of the editor of which we are able to publish our illustration, on page 186, states that she enjoys the regard of every member and officer of the Board. Her capabilities as a matron are of a high order—particularly in the training of nurses; and it is no exaggeration to say that she has been responsible for the efficient training of some hundreds of Poor Law nurses, many of whom have since obtained positions of distinction.

The Assistant Matron, Miss Greig, has also received the Royal Red Cross (Second Class) and at a meeting of the Board of Guardians last week the Chairman referred in appreciative terms to the honour conferred on both ladies.

A Sister writes:—"I think the R.R.C. is a lovely decoration, apart from the honour of it. How I got into the 'shuffle' is a mystery to me, and to others, too, I expect! We spent a happy time when we received it, you know we now all proceed to Marlborough House to be received by

H.M. Queen Alexandra. She presented each of us with a copy of 'The Way of the Red Cross' and a photo of herself 'inset' in a War Service Picture.

"Queen Mary wishes to have a photo of each recipient of the R.R.C. in her album, so we received an invitation from Messrs. Bassano. Some courteous man lent us his motor car for the morning which greatly added to the pleasure in its easy way of getting us there and back."

The Royal Red Cross has been awarded to the following ladies—all members of the Canadian Nursing Service—in recognition of their valuable services in connection with the war:—

FIRST CLASS.

Matrons Miss H. Casault, Miss E. C. Rayside, Miss E. Russell and Miss M. Smith.

SECOND CLASS.

Nursing Sisters Miss E. L. Bell, Miss E. Boulton, Miss C. Cameron, Miss M. Clint, Miss E. Drysdale, Miss M. P. Ellis, Miss M. C. English, Miss H. L. Fowlds, Miss A. M. Gallop, Miss G. A. Gray, Miss R. Harvey, Miss L. Holland, Miss C. Hood, Miss M. Howe, Miss J. Johnstone, Miss M. Macaffee, Miss H. A. MacLaughlin, Miss M. R. Marsh, Miss G. H. Mavety, Miss N. C. McCurdy, Miss G. B. McPherson, Miss M. Motherwell, Miss E. F. Pense, Miss J. Robertson, Miss M. Rose, Miss I. B. Smith, Miss I. D. Strathy, Miss F. H. Wylie, and

Miss A. E. Johnston, Sister, Canadian Red Cross, Malta.

The following Australian and New Zealand nurses have been mentioned to the Secretary of State for War for valuable service in hospitals in Great Britain:—Sister C. Anderson, A.R.R.C., N.Z.A.N.S.; Staff Nurse J. MacD. Baxter, A.A.N.S.; Staff Nurse M. B. Beswick, N.Z.A.N.S.; Sister T. G. Dunn, A.A.N.S.; Staff Nurse M. W. Haste, N.Z.A.N.S.; Staff Nurse H. A. J. Hazleton, Q.A.N.S.; Staff Nurse P. G. Herbert, A.A.N.S.; Staff Nurse A. J. Mackay, N.Z.A.N.S.; Sister V. M. K. Maclean, A.R.R.C., N.Z.A.N.S.; Assistant



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