

NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following Sisters had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on April 4th, when His Majesty invested them with the Royal Red Cross (second class) :—

Sister Marian Bannister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, Sister Gladys Williamson, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and Sister Marjorie Hope-Reford, Uganda Nursing Service.

After the Investiture the Sisters were received by Queen Alexandra at Marlborough House, much to their pleasure.

Principal Matron Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C. (Territorial Nursing Service), who has resigned the position of Principal Matron at the Second London General Hospital, Chelsea, in order to take up her duties as Chief Lady Superintendent of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, was also received by Her Majesty.

The rank of Lady of Grace in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem has been conferred on Miss Darbyshire.

The Asylums and Mental Deficiency Committee of the London County Council, at its meeting on April 3rd, presented the following report:—

We have much pleasure in reporting that among the women to whom H.M. the King has been graciously pleased to award Royal Red Cross decorations in recognition of their valuable services connected with the war, are included the following eight members of the staff of the Horton (County of London) War Hospital. Seventeen other members of the hospital staff have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for valuable services rendered in connection with the war.

Those whose names are starred are members of the Committee's permanent staff.

AWARDED THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

1st Class.—*Miss M. M. Thorburn, matron.

2nd Class.—Miss C. Carmichael, staff nurse; Miss H. O. Cooper, sister; Miss M. Elsdon, sister; Miss M. Fitz-Henry, first principal sister; Miss S. M. Fox, sister; Miss H. Wilson, sister; and Miss E. M. Wood, sister.

MENTIONED FOR VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED.

Miss M. L. Baines, second principal sister; Miss E. M. Barber, sister; *Miss L. Barton, senior probationer; *Miss G. Garner, senior probationer; *Miss B. O. Gilbert, senior probationer; Miss C. Graham, sister; Miss S. Holt, sister; *Miss H.

Hicks, senior probationer; *Miss H. Jackson, home sister; Miss H. Lambert, staff nurse; Miss M. Monkhouse, staff nurse; Miss E. McMullen, staff nurse; Miss B. E. Macey, sister; *Miss A. Newman, assistant home sister; Miss A. Sherras, sister; Miss D. Verity, staff nurse; Miss C. L. Willoughby, sister.



Lafayette.

MISS ROBINETTE,

Who has been awarded the Royal Red Cross, and who was on the "Britannic" when it was torpedoed last November.

By the courtesy of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman* we are able to publish the accompanying portrait of Miss Robinette, one of the nursing staff on board the *Britannic*—a hospital ship bound for Mudros—when she was sunk by an enemy submarine. It will be remembered that an R.A.M.C. officer subsequently stated:—"I know that women can be brave, but I never dreamed they could rise to such heights of cool, unflinching courage as those nurses did when

under Miss Dowse, the Matron, they lined up on deck like so many soldiers and unconcernedly and calmly waited their turn to enter the boats. We men are proud of them, and we can only hope England will hear of their courage. They were magnificent."

We are glad to learn that trained nurses are well to the front near the fighting line in France. They are in the right place.

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