

profession, presumably for fear of hurting the susceptibilities of Royal patrons—and other powerful officials. The Clause in question is tyrannous and abominable, and if the daily Press had an ounce of conscience, it would use its influence to deliver women whose heroism it extols, from this unjust provision. Anyway, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will continue to claim that the Clause be modified or deleted. We are glad to learn quite a number of self-respecting nurses have refused to sign it. It is as out-of-date as the Dodo—or the Tsar!

An interesting little ceremony took place at the County of London War Hospital, Epsom, on Saturday last, when a presentation was made to Mrs. Williams, of the Australian Red Cross Society. This lady has worked very hard for the wounded Australians brought to this hospital since the earliest days of its opening. The presentation took the form of a case of cutlery and table silver, and was a spontaneous act by the Australian soldiers in this hospital to mark their appreciation of this lady's work and charming personality.

The Canadian Prime Minister paid a visit to this hospital a few days ago, in order to visit the Canadian wounded. Besides admitting large convoys of wounded from France it is the nearest military hospital for the large Canadian camps at Woodcote, where there are about 35,000 men.

We have received a number of photographs of Irish recipients of the Royal Red Cross, and congratulate both the nurses who have received this honour, and their native land which has sent such charming women into the nursing profession. The Daughters of Erin are noted for their wit and beauty, and their versatility is no mean asset in nurses who have to cope with sudden emergencies. Note the portrait of Sister Hutchings, R.R.C.

The Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, have made representations to the Army Council on the subject of the present rates of

pay of the Nursing and Domestic Staff of the Royal Hospital, and have now received official sanction to grant a War Bonus of (approximately) £5 5s. a year to each of the Sisters (including the Housekeeper) and Nurses, with effect from 1st January, 1917. Approval has also been given for the same War Bonus for the following members of Domestic Staff: The Matron's Maid, the Cook, and the Senior Mess-room Maid.

A British Nurse, just back from Petrograd has given to the *Weekly Dispatch* a vivid account of her experiences during the recent revolution.

About 7.30 one morning there passed down the street, "a wonderful procession—the vanguard of the brave liberators of Russia. The soldier patriots in their grey coats, on foot, and in motor-lorries and motor-cars, were going down the street in a steady and orderly manner, protecting a crowd of starving men, women, and children, who were walking in the centre of the procession. At their head was a band playing the 'Marseillaise,' and a large red flag borne aloft."

As the procession neared the Hotel Moscow, there was a sudden outburst of fierce firing from machine-guns controlled by the police, in ambush on the roof of the hotel, and soldiers, women, and children fell to the ground, and the street became a shambles. The nurse saw the soldiers who had not fallen, immediately enter the hotel, make their way to the roof, shoot the cowardly police,

capture the machine-guns, and bring them down to the street, and fix them on the back seats of the motor lorries. Then the processionists re-formed and fought their way, in the face of machine fire on the roofs, till they reached the Duma, where they demanded and obtained the wheat that had been concealed from the starving people.

In the hospital, men, women, and children were admitted in a ceaseless stream all day long, and firing was going on around. Then, as it was feared the possessions of the nurses in the Nurses' Home were in danger, volunteers were called for, and a Russian, a Canadian, and two British nurses,



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