

NURSING AND THE WAR.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following Matrons and Sisters were received at Buckingham Palace on May 23rd, when His Majesty the King bestowed upon them the decoration of the Royal Red Cross:—

FIRST CLASS.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.—*Matron*: Jean Macleod.

NEW ZEALAND NURSING SERVICE.—*Matron*: Frances Price.

SECOND CLASS.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.—

Matron: Fannie Manfield. *Sisters*: Emily Forrest and Violet Reindorp (Reserve).

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.—

Matron: Rachel Steel. *Sisters*: Jessie Arthur, Mary Coxeter, Janet Kirkpatrick, Margaret Newbould, Ethel Stegall. *Staff Nurses*: Eliza Barrett and Gertrude Rushforth.

CIVIL NURSING SERVICE.—

Matrons: Maud Goodhue, Gertrude Knight, Kathleen Stewart, Nancy Thorpe. *Assistant Matron*: Grace Maywood. *Sister Superior*: Antoinette Tonneau. *Sisters*: Fanny Bell, C. Porter, Hilda Wilson, E. Wood.

CANADIAN NURSING SERVICE.—*Sister*: Janet Macdonald.

The summary of the work of the Joint Women's V.A.D. Department, as reported for April, shows the immense ramifications of these workers. 777 were posted during the month, 174 of whom were sent on nursing service abroad. There are altogether 8,125 such workers now on duty, of whom 2,261 are abroad.

In the Convalescent Homes in France for Sisters, Staff Nurses, and V.A.D.'s, upwards of 200 were admitted during the month.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital at Etaples has been working at its full capacity, and the cases have been very severe. The French people are very grateful for assistance given to

their wounded by the officers and staff of the hospital.

The award of the Royal Red Cross to Miss Gertrude Knight, Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham, has given great satisfaction to her large circle of friends and pupils. Miss Knight began her professional training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and after some experience of private nursing in Algiers, was appointed Sister at the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and later, successively, Matron of the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dublin, Matron of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham, a post she has held since 1892. She was one of the earliest members of the Matrons' Council and

joined the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses on its formation, and for many years regularly attended the meetings of both societies. Although of late years stress of work has not permitted Miss Knight to come frequently to meetings in London, she has many friends in the Metropolis whose congratulations on the honour bestowed upon her are real and sincere.

Since it was opened a year and eight months ago, upwards of 350 nurses have enjoyed the lavish hospitality of Princess Christian Home of Rest, at West Lodge, Hadley Wood; and much of their pleasure and happiness has resulted from the great kindness of Mrs. Rogers, who has acted as hostess for the whole time. Imagine, then, the sincere regret of

military and naval nurses, when they learn that on June 1st their real friend and charming hostess is to hand over the management of the Home to another, and seek the rest of which lately she has been very much in need. Every nurse whom she has welcomed and helped to restore to health at West Lodge, will unite with us in wishing Mrs. Rogers speedy restoration to complete health, which has become impaired in her devotion to the welfare of others.

Miss Tod will take up the duties at West Lodge on June 1st, which is now decked in all the loveliness of early summer, and an ideal home for nurses spent in the nation's service.



MISS GERTRUDE KNIGHT, R.R.C.

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