

NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

The King has been pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the following ladies—Sister Miss Mary Agnes Crawford Blair, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Res.), attached R.A.M.C.; Staff Nurse Miss Christina McLean, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Res.), attached R.A.M.C.; Staff Nurse Miss Helen Elizabeth Panton, T.F. Nursing Service (trained at the Royal Sussex County Hospital).

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The names of the following members of the nursing profession are included in the List received by the Secretary of State for War of names of officers, warrant and non-commissioned officers and men, ladies and civilians, whose services have been brought to notice by Lieut.-General Sir Stanley Maude, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, as deserving of special mention:—

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Blew, Sister (actg. Matron) Miss N.; Collins, Sister (actg. Matron) Miss E. R., R.R.C.; Hodgins, Matron Miss F. M., R.R.C.; Jones, Matron-in-Chief Miss B. I., R.R.C.; Murphy, Sister (actg. Matron) Miss J.; McNaughton, Sister Miss M. (retired).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

Bull, Staff Nurse Miss I.; Basker, Sister Miss J. R.; Curties, Sister Miss N.; Dunlop, Staff Nurse Miss A. H.; Davies, Staff Nurse Miss A. M.; Florey, Sister Miss A. J.; Fraser, Staff Nurse Miss B.; Hewitt, Staff Nurse Miss E.; Hayward, Sister Miss H. M.; James, Sister Miss M.; Kingston, Sister Miss E. M.; Lundy, Staff Nurse Miss A. M.; Norton-Dawson, Sister Miss D. M.; Parsons, Sister Miss F. E.; Trotter, Sister Miss B.; Vernon, Staff Nurse Miss M. E.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE, INDIA.

Exshaw, Nursing Sister Miss P.; Green, Nursing Sister Miss E.; Harris, Senior Nursing Sister Miss A. M.; Marshall, Nursing Sister Miss E. O.; Wilson, Senior Nursing Sister Miss J. S. R.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Bate, Sister Miss M.; Baillie, Sister Miss I.; Bowman, Sister Miss L. S.; Hatton, Sister Miss S.; Murray, Sister Miss E.; Moir, Staff Nurse Miss M. G.; Nicholls, Staff Nurse Miss N.; Smith, Sister Miss M.; Weaver, Matron Miss F.

From Salonika Major H. L. Fitzpatrick reports that the provision of a club for Sisters has been under consideration for some time. Suitable premises have been found, and the club will soon be working.

The Royal Warrant "for the retired pay of officers disabled, and for the pensions of the families and relatives of officers deceased, and for pensions of nurses disabled, in consequence of the present war," to which reference has already been made in this JOURNAL, has now been issued as an Army Order.

"A Trained Nurse of 1901," replying in the *Times* to "A V.A.D. of 1911," who asserts that many of the keenest V.A.D. nurses are leaving their detachments because they feel there is no urgent need for their services; also that they are extremely dissatisfied with their prospects after the war, when they will have no recognised status, even though they have nursed regularly for three years or more, writes:—

"May I remind her that members of Voluntary Aid Detachments were enrolled to assist in hospitals, &c., working in a patriotic spirit, to give help where help was required, and not with the object of gaining a status for themselves? As regards length of experience among the sick, those who know most of the subject will agree that this does not constitute a 'training,' nor give knowledge of the many and varied conditions under which the trained nurse is called upon to act. If V.A.D. and those others who are dissatisfied with her will enter a recognised training school, take their share also in looking after the women and children of the Empire, and go through the necessary courses and examinations essential to a training, they need have no anxiety as to their present usefulness, nor of their future status. At the present moment many of our smaller and special hospitals are crying out for workers, and in the future there will be openings for large numbers of well-trained women in many branches of social work."

The following tribute is paid by a Serbian journal to British nurses, who, after a year's service in Serbia, are returning home for rest, on the arrival of new contingents:—

"We consider that it is unnecessary even on this occasion that we should try to explain any further what all and each of these hospitals has done for our sick and wounded soldiers, or to say individually how much nobility and self-sacrifice were shown by these kind daughters of Great Britain.

"They have heard all the warm appreciation directly from the lips of their grateful patients, or they could read it innumerable times in the eyes of the Serbian sufferers for whom they cared so kindly.

"We are only begging them to carry over with them to their dear ones in the proud country of Britain this warm gratitude which will never decrease in its greatness as long as the Serbian nation exists.

"Good luck to you, proud daughters of Albion! May the Almighty repay you for your love towards the weak Serbian in his most critical moment."

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