

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The following Sisters have been awarded the Military Medal and R.R.C., respectively :—

THE MILITARY MEDAL

Sister Etherlinda Maude, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Reserve), Staff Nurse Louisa Gilbert, Q.A.I.M.N.S., for bravery under fire.

The Military Medal for bravery in the field has also been awarded to Staff Nurse Mary Jane Derrer and Nursing Sisters Dorothy Gwendoline Cawood, Clare Deacon, and Alice Ross-King, all of the Australian A.N.S.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Sister Alice Mead,
Civil Nursing Service.

The new Hostel for Nurses which was opened recently at 52, Russell Square, is for the purpose of providing accommodation for Red Cross Nurses only. It is entirely free, and is chiefly for nurses passing through London on their way to engagements, and for those requiring rest for a few days. The house is a charming one, prettily decorated. The dining-room is being fitted with a very necessary lift. There is a spacious and pleasant drawing-room overlooking the Square.

What is much appreciated is the number of little single bedrooms; privacy is such a boon to busy workers.

The house was rented furnished, but it is well adapted for its purpose.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss K. S. Bankhead, we are sure, makes a charming hostess, and we found the whole atmosphere restful and home-like.

The Committee is almost identical with that which manages Queen Mary's Hostel, at 40, Bedford Place, W.C., which has been so very successful. Her Majesty and Princess Mary paid a visit to the new hostel last week.

Application for admittance must be made through Miss Swift, Matron in Chief, Joint War Committee.

The Queen of the Belgians has personally decorated Miss Cicely Matthews, the youngest

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Percy Matthews, with the Royal Order of Elizabeth, "For faithful and devoted services."

The "Médaille des Epidémies," in gold, has been conferred upon Lady Tangye, a volunteer nurse of the St. John Ambulance Association and the British Red Cross Society, who is matron (untrained) of a hospital at Paris Plage.

NURSES AND THE RAIDS.

During the moonlit battles of London which have continued nightly for upwards of a week, British Nurses have as usual shown superb courage, and their patients have been their first care.

Everywhere we hear their praises sung by rich and poor alike. The Police have invited their aid throughout the week, and from many Nursing Homes and institutions our nurses have rendered signal assistance. For instance they have been drafted by the Police to the various stations on the underground railways, where thousands of persons have sought shelter, and at many stations they have not only cheered the mothers and children, but have been able to help to preserve order, or render first aid where required. Indeed our nurses are a real national asset.

Perhaps no class of persons has more cause to sing the praises of our airmen than the watchers by the sick, and in the name of the nursing profession we

wish to place on record our unbounded admiration and gratitude for their magnificent service.

Night after night, while the Lady Moon has shone so unkindly bright, have these brave men, bathed in her silver glory, fought their grim conflict in the air for our sake.

Too often has the ungenerous question of late been asked, "Where are our airmen?"

Where are they? Up there, under the stars, risking their brave, generous young lives that lesser folk may sleep in safety, doing their duty nobly, selflessly, splendidly!

In the awe-inspiring din of the guns, quit selfish thoughts and give the proud, if silent, toast—

"Our airmen! God bless them!"



STAFF NURSE LOUISA GILBERT, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

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