

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Sister Annie Saunders, who has been decorated by the Serbian Government with the Order of Saint Save, has been attached to the Scottish Women's Hospitals. She belongs to Blairgowrie, and her mother is resident there.

The French Government have decorated Miss Donald and Miss Annie Slack for heroic work in the nursing service. Miss Donald is a nurse who, while working in an American Red Cross Hospital on the British front, was seriously wounded in the course of a violent bombardment by the enemy. She, however, refused to be put on the retired list, declaring that she would soon be fit for service again. Miss Slack has done splendid work at a hospital at Jassy.

Amongst those reported wounded in a recent casualty list are Miss M. C. Henning and Miss L. Stewart, V.A.D.s.

The following advertisement appeared recently in the daily press:—

"LADY, three years' experience Military Hospital, desires post as Nurse-Companion; would not object to neurasthenia or shell-shock case."

A straw shows which way the wind blows.

Nurses will do well to remember and to disseminate the advice that "to keep cool in the midst of an air raid your body must be warm. There are sound physiological reasons for this. On receiving warning everyone, even if remaining entirely indoors, should at once put on an extra wrap—say, a cloak or overcoat. A hot drink from time to time, such as milk, coffee, or cocoa, also helps."

A nurse was hurrying along the London streets while the sinister boom of the anti-aircraft guns sounded from all directions.

"Take cover, nurse," shouted the policeman.

"I can't, I am on my way to a case," was the quick reply.

"You must take cover," ordered a Special a few yards farther on.

"If I take cover it may be hours before I get to my case," replied the nurse.

"Well, you must take your own risk. Run for your life, or you'll be killed." And she did run, and got to her destination at the hour she had pledged.

Well done, nurse!

Many nurses have expressed their gratitude for their holiday at Little Wych, near Bridport, temporarily opened as an Edith Cavell Home. At Coombe Head, near Haslemere, to be opened immediately, nine nurses per month will be received. The house stands in ideal surroundings.

M. Justin Godart, Under-Secretary of State for the Medical Service in France, will unveil a bust in memory of Miss Edith Cavell in the hospital and school of nursing in Paris which bears her name, on the anniversary of her death.

As a memorial to the late Miss Edith Cavell, a beautiful home in Summer Hill, one of the near suburbs of Sydney, N.S.W., was recently given by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Show, for a rest home for nurses. A total of £10,000 has been raised by the general public, but the committee aim at securing £15,000 as a permanent endowment fund.



SISTER ANNIE SAUNDERS.

We hear on good authority that an agitation is going on to secure the award of the Royal Red Cross for V.A.D.s, and we are glad to know that prominent persons are taking steps to oppose this unjustifiable demand. A good many "ink-pot honours" have been given during the present war, which has depreciated the value of the Royal Red Cross. Also the fact that the Government have given the highest rank in the new Order of the British Empire to the Commandant-in-Chief of Voluntary Aid Detachments, and omitted all recognition, in the Order, of the Chief Nursing Officers of Q.A.R.N.S., the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and its Reserve, and the T.F.N.S. has occasioned widespread and justifiable criticism.

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