

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Both the members' seats and those reserved for strangers in the House of Commons, were filled to their utmost capacity, on Monday last, when the Prime Minister rose to voice the thanks of the Nation, through its Representative Body, to the Navy, the British Armies in the Field, the troops from the Dominions Overseas, from India and the Crown Colonies, to the Mercantile Marine, and to the relatives of the fallen.

The section of the Resolution, conveying the thanks of the House to trained nurses, is as follows:—

"That the thanks of this House be given to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British Armies in the field, and also to the women in the medical and other services auxiliary there to, for their unflinching courage and endurance in defending the right amidst sufferings and hardships unparalleled in the history of war, and for their loyal readiness to continue the work to which they have set their hands until the liberty of the world is secure."

Referring to this part of the Resolution in his speech, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We have also to thank the women, our trained and untrained nurses, whose tenderness and care for the wounded have elicited gratitude from the lips of hundreds of thousands who have been spared much suffering. They have not escaped. Many of them have been killed by shell fire, many of them drowned in hospital ships—sunk with the sign of the Cross. We all owe them a debt of gratitude."

In the House of Lords the same vote of thanks was moved by Earl Curzon of Kedleston, who said: "We have not forgotten, but have included for the first time, the mention of nurses. Nobly have they deserved this compliment. They have been pushed forward to the Casualty Clearing Stations just behind the front line, where they have literally stood between the living and the dead. Their names figure not only as the heroines, but also as the martyrs of this war. . . . In one case the name of an English nurse has been rendered immortal by her martyrdom."

ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross decoration to a large number of ladies of the Nursing Services in recognition of their valuable service in connection with the war. We print below the names of those who have been awarded the first class, and regret that pressure on our space does not permit us to print the large number on whom the second class decoration has been conferred.

FIRST CLASS.

Miss E. Allen, Matron, T.F.N.S., 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester; Miss C. Anderson (late Q.A.I.M.N.S.), Matron, The Lodge Auxiliary Hospital, Broughty Ferry, Forfar, and Nursing

Sister, Myrtle Auxiliary Hospital, Liverpool; Miss M. L. Appleyard, Matron, T.F.N.S., 1st London General Hospital; Miss M. A. Aris, Assistant Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Wharcliffe War Hospital, Sheffield.

Mrs. A. B. Barrow, Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., University War Hospital, Southampton; Miss L. Barrow, Matron, T.F.N.S., North Evington Extension of 5th Northern General Hospital; Miss V. A. Billing, Matron, T.F.N.S., 3rd Western General Hospital, Neath Section; Mrs. M. Boeddicker, Matron, Highbury Auxiliary Hospital, Birmingham; Miss I. Bousted, Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Military Hospital, Inkerman Barracks, Woking; Miss M. T. Brown, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Central Military Hospital, Fort Pitt, Chatham; Miss S. Brown, Matron,

Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Section 5, Reading War Hospital; Miss R. E. Brouskill, A.R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Military Hospital, Tidworth.

Miss N. T. Cameron, A. Matron, C.A.M.C.; Miss F. A. Cann, Matron, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; Miss E. A. Chaffey, Acting Matron, A.N.S.R.; Miss E. Cooper, Matron, St. George's Hospital (now Mrs. Gray); Miss M. Cubitt, Matron, Weir Auxiliary Hospital, Balham.

Miss M. Deane, Matron, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital; Miss C. V. Dewar, Matron, T.F.N.S., Moray Lodge Hospital.

Miss A. M. Elliot, Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Wareham Military Hospital.



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