

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Acting Sister Ellen Byrne, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, who has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry in the performance of her duty on the occasion of a hostile air raid at a casualty clearing station in the field, was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and is the daughter of the Chief Constable of Worcester.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following members of the nursing profession had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, October 31st, when His Majesty conferred upon them the decoration of the Royal Red Cross.

FIRST CLASS.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Matron Mary Appleyard and Matron Helen Husband.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Mercy Cubitt, Matron Mary Deane, Matron Susannah Greenfield, Matron Amy Munn, and Mrs. Gray, late Matron, Civil Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister Bertha Baker, Sister Evelyn Johnston-Bevan, and Staff Nurse Margaret Cryle.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Edith Alderman, Sister Katherine Barling, Sister Mary Barrett, Sister Fanny Callaway, Sister Ellen Roethenbaugh, and Staff Nurse Margaret Thompson.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Ethel Angear, Sister Sarah Beswick, Sister Margaret Bowie, Sister Rose Eckersley, and Mrs. Dermott

New Zealand Army Nursing Service.—Sister May Chalmer.

Not the least part of the appreciation of trained

nurses of the Prime Minister's tribute to their work, in moving the thanks of the House of Commons, was his differentiation between the trained and the untrained, his recognition that skilled work has a place and quality apart from the willing service of the unskilled, to which a meed of praise is also due. This has been so often ignored and belittled during the war that the distinction made by the Prime Minister is especially grateful.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, November 1st, Major Chapple asked the Pensions

Minister whether his attention has been drawn to an invitation for subscriptions to provide endowment for the College of Nursing and a benevolent fund for individual nurses themselves; whether he is aware that this appeal is supported by Sir Douglas Haig on the assumption that the funds so subscribed are to be used for nurses who have lost their health during the war, and that Sir Douglas Haig says that this is most necessary; and whether he will state fully what the Government proposes to do for nurses in order that the nursing profession may be relieved from anxiety in the matter, and in order that the subscribing public may know whether the immediate financial need is for a college for the training of women not now nurses, or for the help of nurses who have served in the war and have suffered in consequence.



SISTER ELLEN BYRNE.

Awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry at a casualty clearing station during a raid by enemy aircraft.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions (Colonel Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen) replied: "I have seen in the newspapers a notice of the fund to which the hon. and gallant Member refers. The provision made by the State for nurses disabled through war service is set out in the Royal Warrant of August 1st last. This provision is on a far more liberal scale than previously, and I do not doubt that the organizers of the

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