

NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following members of the Nursing Profession had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on November 7th, when His Majesty conferred upon them the decoration of the Royal Red Cross :—

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service: Superintending Sister Flora Greig.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service: Sister Mary Harding.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve: Matron Ada Barrow, Matron Susan Brown, Matron Alice Elliot, Sister Rose Brunskill, Sister Gertrude Pullin.

Canadian Army Nursing Service: Matron Beth Smellie, Sister Gertrude Muldrew.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve: Assistant Matron Elizabeth Batten, Sisters Winifred Baker, Mabel Beddoes, Katherine Fitton, Beatrice Jackson, Dorothy Lapham, Margaret Mansfield, Madeline Paterson, Agnes Veacock, Eliza West; Staff Nurses Jenny Jones, Kathleen Joyce, Helena Kremer, Jean Young.

Territorial Force Nursing Service: Sisters Rosamary Cadman, Florence Tailer; Staff Nurse Mary Bevan.

Civil Nursing Service: Matron Mildred Barnes, Sister Alice Bedwell, Miss Dorothy Gore - Browne (Commandant Civil Nursing Service), Miss Elsie Bell (late Superintendent Civil Nursing Service).

Canadian Army Nursing Service: Sisters Beatrice Blewett, Alison Dickison, Harriet Graham, Naomi Meiklejohn, Christina Mowbray, Lucy Squire.

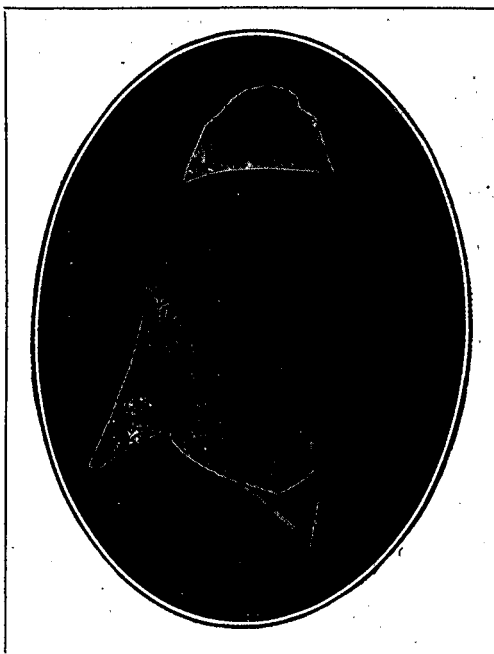
In response to Lord Knutsford's letter in the *Times*, to which we referred to last week, claiming that the chairman of a hospital should be consulted before the award of the Royal Red Cross to members of the nursing staff, the following letter appeared in that paper on November 10th :—

Sir,—Once again Lord Knutsford sets up his amusing claim to be the sole controller of the nursing profession. In his opinion, the authorities responsible for the bestowal of honours on

sisters and nurses should not exercise these powers till after consultation with him! What arrogance, what usurpation of rights over a class quite capable of self-representation! Admit that honours should not be bestowed without consultation with nursing experts, who is the expert to be—the chairman or the matron? Surely the matron—the highly-trained woman to whom committee and chairman have entrusted the task of training probationers, and keeping up the standard of nursing efficiency. While, when a matron herself is to be the recipient of the Red Cross, the authorities, if they really do need guidance, can turn to the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

MILDRED HEATHER-BIGG.



MRS. HUGH ROBSON, ROYAL RED CROSS.

Lord Knutsford, in his reply, of course pours ridicule upon the Matrons' Council. We may remind him that the question of its standing was fought out in the House of Lords in 1908, and, after the Privy Council had been furnished with all the information it desired concerning the Council, its membership, and its work, the attempt to remove its name from the Nurses' Registration Bill, presented by Lord Ampt-hill, completely failed.

An Army Sister writes to the *Times* in regard to responsibility for the award of the R.R.C. "The bestowal of the Royal Red Cross is becoming as great a scandal as the political Honours List, or the decorating of non-combatants in the Army."

Mrs Hugh Robson, who has been awarded the Royal Red Cross (second class) was well known to the nursing world in London before her marriage as Miss E. Satchwell, Matron of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. At the Southwood Auxiliary Hospital, Stirling, of which she is Matron, 150 officers and 1,500 men have been cared for during the war. Mrs Robson, who was trained at the London Hospital, is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

A correspondent writes :—"Seeing that you considered Miss Cancellor's 'True Tale With a Moral,' in the N.U.T.N. Quarterly, worthy of reproduction, I presume you may consider the sequel to be of interest.

"As the Sister referred to, need I mention that

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