

throw off the trouble, or to be annoyed if one's advice is not taken.

"(e) Kindness and thoughtfulness for the patient. Always treat the insane in the same way you do the sane.

"(f) A capacity for teaching little occupations and employments.

"(g) Then there is the atmosphere which the nurse radiates, and this atmosphere is the reflection of that which stands behind all knowledge, call it what you will. To me, there is only one purpose in life that counts, and that purpose is what our Church and Christianity stand for. In that sense there can be no conflict between the Church and Medicine. Science is, and always will be, the handmaid of religion.

"Now it is the personality with attributes such as these that carries conviction.

"Even in health we trust one man, and we distrust another; we are unconsciously swayed by the suggestions of some, while the ideas of others are unheeded, and yet they may be both telling us the same thing. What is true of the sane, is equally true of the insane. In treating the mind, we have to appreciate that we are treating personality. Some individuals have many of the attributes which make a successful nurse, but they lack nursing knowledge; others have the knowledge, but they are destitute of those attributes which I have referred to as all-important. Now this is the purpose of our meeting to-day, to encourage the right kind of persons to take up this great vocation.

"For years I have worked with many others to get the so-called insane more perfectly understood, but we have been fighting an uphill fight against much misunderstanding. But reconstruction is in the air, and a new era, we hope, is breaking. Some of the finest physicians in the country are taking a keen and sympathetic interest in nerve work, and mark you, there is no intrinsic difference between functional nervous disorders and some of the more serious mental disturbances. I say that some of the ablest physicians are now joining the ranks to assist in unravelling this problem of mental disorder, and we must therefore have the best women and men as nurses, and by the best I mean persons whose purpose in life is something more than temporal vocation and temporal advancement. With such a combination of doctors and nurses, there will be rapid progress made in the knowledge of mental science; and to the patient there will be assured that sympathetic appreciation of his illness which can only reach its climax in one whose scientific attainments are linked with the highest ideals."

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The following members of the Nursing Profession had the honour of being received by the King on November 28th, at Buckingham Palace, when His Majesty conferred upon them the decoration of the Royal Red Cross:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

Matron Mary Vaughan, Civil Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS.

Sister Isabella Yule, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Matron Eleanor Hutchinson, Civil Nursing Service; Sister Gertrude French, Canadian Army Nursing Service.

SALONIKA FORCE, MENTIONED FOR SERVICES.

The following ladies have been brought to notice by Lieutenant-General G. F. Milne, Commanding-in-Chief, British Salonika Force, for gallant conduct and distinguished services during the last six months:—

Army Nursing Service Reserve: Cumming, Matron E. J.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service: Compton, Sister F. D'O.; Denny, Sister (Acting Matron) A. M. M.; Ephgrave, Staff Nurse (Acting Matron) L. A., A.R.R.C., ret.; H. H., Acting Matron F. M., ret.; Wilson, Miss M., R.R.C. (late Principal Matron).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve: Atkinson, Staff Nurse E.; Baigent, Sister C. E.; Bickham, Sister W. M.; Cairns, Sister N.; Cameron, Sister H. M.; Chase, Staff Nurse M. O.; Curtis, Sister E. F.; Devine, Sister M.; Eves, Staff Nurse A. J.; Foreman, Sister A. E. A.; Harley, Sister F.; Harlow, Sister (Acting Matron) E. E.; Harwood, Sister (Acting Matron) E.; Knox, Sister J.; Lee, Staff Nurse A. N.; Lonsdale, Staff Nurse A.; Martin, Staff Nurse B.; Martin, Sister Mary B.; Mannell, Staff Nurse L. G.; McGowan, Staff Nurse E. M.; Melsey, Staff Nurse L.; Nichol, Staff Nurse M.; Pike, Special War Probationer M. A.; Pulman, Staff Nurse E.; Robertson, Sister M. J.; Scourfield, Sister M. M.; Tate, Staff Nurse M. G.; Thomson, Sister (Acting Matron) M. E.; Wilson, Sister I.

Territorial Force Nursing Service: Blackburn, Staff Nurse A.; Buchanan, Sister E. K.; Bull, Sister M.; Chapman, Sister L. L.; Foskett, Sister E. H.; Hind, Sister G.; Holden, Sister L. M.; Holford, Sister J.; Holmes, Sister M.; Kilburn, Sister E. G.; Lewis, Staff Nurse S.; Lynch, Staff Nurse M.; Matthews, Staff Nurse B.; Mee, Sister M. E.; Percy, Sister E.; Sidebotham, Sister L.; Smith, Sister A.; Stock, Staff Nurse F. M.; Storar, Sister I. L.; Swan, Sister M. B.; Walker, Sister A. J.; Webster, Sister N. M.

Voluntary Aid Detachment: [Kemp-Gee, Nurse G. M.; Watson, Nurse M.

Special War Probationer: Mann, M. G.

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