

Of course, the ubiquitous V.A.D., "who responded to the urgent need of France in the early days of the war," is already agitating in the press to be the recipient of this greatly coveted honour, "though they were not attached to the B.E.F." We very sincerely hope that these excitable untrained women who hurled themselves to the Front in the early weeks of the war will not be permitted to depreciate the prestige of this Star. It should be reserved for members of His Majesty's Forces and the genuine military Nursing Services. The R.R.C. no longer stands for long service and genuine merit as it did before the war, owing to social influence and "inkpot" awards. The new Star should at all events signify military service and official rank.

Miss Violetta Thurstan has left for active service as Matron of a Scottish Women's Hospital attached to the Royal Serbian Army. She has notified her arrival in France, and expected to proceed to Salonika *via* Rome.

The idea of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, which originated with the late Dr. Elsie Inglis, and was warmly taken up by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, has been abundantly justified in its results. Their help, refused by the British Government, was gladly accepted by those of France, Russia and Belgium.

The unique feature of the organization, which has its headquarters in Edinburgh, with branches in London and Cardiff, is that the physicians, surgeons, mechanics, chauffeurs and stretcher-bearers are all women.

As is well known, the five units with the Serbian Army followed it in its terrible retreat, preferring to be taken prisoners rather than to desert their patients.

Later the London units served with the Serbian detachment attached to the Russian Army in the South, and established a hospital in the Dobrudja, which had later to be evacuated.

Units are at present working in Corsica, in Macedonia, in Salonika, in France, and in Russia.

Extensions and improvements have been recently made at the St. John Brigade Hospital, Etaples.

The new buildings, including extra cubicles for the Sisters' quarters, two rooms on the east of the administration block, and the

chapel, are now up, though the inside fittings are not yet completed. All the funds for the chapel and its decoration have been collected by Lady Perrott, R.R.C., who has visited the hospital more than once; it will be a great acquisition to the hospital.

The O.C. has recently, at the request of the D.D.M.S., supplied a "team" for a casualty clearing station. A team consists of an operating surgeon, anaesthetist, theatre Sister, and an orderly, and is attached where most required by the exigencies of the situation.

The Sisters' Tea and Reading Rooms which were destroyed in the great fire at Salonika have now been centralised in one large building, which formerly served as a factory, with the Red Cross offices and stores. The new rooms have been a great success and about 1,000 teas were served in the course of a month.



MISS VIOLETTA THURSTAN, M.M.

faithfully served. THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers felicitations to M. and Mme. Jamard.

WEDDING BELLS

An *entente cordiale* wedding took place recently at the Mairie at Château Thierry, France, when Sister Rosamond Hendrie, F.F.N.C., was married to M. Jamard. The wedding was very quiet, only the *Médecin Chef*, his Aide Major, Sister Mitchell and a French nurse attended as witnesses. Sister Hendrie has been a member of the Corps for upwards of three years, and has earned respect and affection from her colleagues and the sick whom she has so

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mary C. Browne is appointed to Taunton as Superintendent; Miss Isabella J. Randall, to Somerset, C.N.A., as Assistant Co. Superintendent; Miss Alice Walking, to Northants. C.N.A., as Assistant Co. Superintendent; Miss Grace E. Miller, to Herefordshire C.N.A., as Health Visitor; Miss Alice M. M. Coms, to Brownhills; Miss Elizabeth A. Jones, to Darlaston, as Senior Nurse; Miss Annie M. Stringer, to Sevenoaks; Miss Louisa M. Thomas, to Chapel-en-le-Frith.

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