

Council of Great Britain and Ireland in the Memorandum which a Deputation presented to the Secretary of State for War in 1901, when the reconstruction of the Army Nursing Service was under consideration, and was practically the only recommendation made by it which was not adopted. In our opinion it would have been much better had it been included. We, however, differ from our Australian colleague in considering that all the Sisters should receive the same salary. The responsible head of the ward should certainly have Charge Pay.

Miss Gertrude Maud Dunsford, R.R.C., whose portrait appears on page 428, was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, N., and has been on the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society for eight years. She was called up for duty at the Second London General Hospital, T.F., on the outbreak of war, and has been decorated with the Royal Red Cross (second class) for her good work in this connection.

The normal nursing staff at the Victoria Central Hospital, Liscard, numbers twenty-five, and since the outbreak of war no fewer than fifteen—five sisters and ten nurses—have left to do military nursing in France, eight of them at the Liverpool Merchants' Mobile Hospital. The latest is Sister Simpson, who has been at the hospital for seven years. She has received many good wishes, as well as some handsome gifts.

AWARDS FOR WAR SERVICES.

NEW ORDER BY THE ARMY COUNCIL. NURSES INCLUDED.

An Army Order issued on Wednesday, December 19th, states that the King has approved "of the award of chevrons to denote service overseas undertaken since August 4th, 1914." These chevrons will be of two colours, red and blue; if earned on or before December 31st, 1914, they will be red, if earned after that date they will be blue.

The date for the award of the first chevron will be the date the individual left the United Kingdom in the case of those who proceeded from home; and August 5th, 1914, in the case of those serving abroad on that date. Additional chevrons will be awarded for each successive aggregate period of 12 months' active service, and the qualifying service will include periods of leave up to one month.

The following will be eligible to participate in the award:—

Officers and soldiers of the Regular Army, Special Reserve, and Territorial Force.

Officers, Naval ratings, and Royal Marines of the Royal Naval Division.

Officers, soldiers, and followers of the Indian Army and Indian Army Reserve.

Officers and soldiers of Oversea Forces.

Native troops in East and West Africa.

The chevrons will also be awarded to the personnel of the following officially recognised organisations:—

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Retired members of the Army Nursing Service.

Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.

Oversea Nursing Service.

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

British Red Cross Society.

Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

St. Andrew Ambulance Association.

Women's Legion.

Civilians attached to the British forces in an official capacity, native and Chinese Labour Corps, and members of officially recognised voluntary aid-detachments will also be eligible for the award.

The chevrons may be worn on plain clothes by retired officers and men. They will be supplied to units by the Army Ordnance Department. Commanding officers—to whom all applications must be addressed—will be responsible for their issue to individuals. It is further explained that the chevrons, which will be of worsted embroidery, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in width and arms $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. long, will be worn inverted on the right forearm. It is also stated that the chevrons are not to be regarded as being in the nature of a reward. There will, therefore, be no posthumous award to deceased officers and soldiers.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Christmas Magazine of Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers, Highgate, is not only full of witty articles and good illustrations, but has been compiled as a popular Report, and thus makes the good work known in a form which appeals to many who do not care to wade through statistics.

The beautiful handwriting of Queen Alexandra is finely reproduced from her letter of thanks to "Mr. H. J. Paterson, his officers and Nursing Staff of My Hospital for Officers, Millfield Lane, Highgate, for their devoted work during this Great War," having the place of honour in the Magazine. The History of the Hospital, well illustrated by the Editor, should make it many friends.

As a great admirer of American Nursing methods and organization we find the following statement stimulating:—

"During," writes the Editor, "my delightful and educative visits to America, I have always been greatly impressed by the 'team work' which is a feature of American Clinics. The wonderful organisation of the Mayo Clinic is an object lesson to the world.

"I have tried to profit by the lessons I learnt, and so to make the Hospital personnel a 'team.'

"Among other things one learnt in America, what splendid assistants trained nurses can become. Shortly after my first visit to America, I adopted the American plan and secured a

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