

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The following ladies have been decorated as follows:—

THE MILITARY MEDAL AND THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

SECOND CLASS.

Sister M. Jennings, T.F.N.S.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Matrons E. Hordley and E. Lang.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister V. Rogers.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister E. Grierson and S. Nurse E. James.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matrons F. Phillips and M. Simon.

Civil Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister A. Crooks.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss M. Skinner.

The Sisters were received by Queen Alexandra at Marlborough House after receiving their decorations from His Majesty the King.

The effect of the votes of Canadian soldiers and nurses upon the Canadian General Election is now approximately known, and those voting in Canada, the United States and France have proved their keen patriotism by raising the majority for the Unionist Ministry under Sir Robert Borden from forty-five to sixty-four. The votes of soldiers and nurses serving in England have not yet been counted, but we have little doubt but that they will add further power to the Canadian Government. Those who have seen the horrors of Hun warfare are determined that never again shall these murderers have power to attempt to dominate the world and make it uninhabitable for sane humanity. A sound and lasting peace we must have, and that is not possible so long as the Prussian military caste dominates the world.

Another horrible crime has been committed by German fiends, the hospital ship, the *Glenart Castle*, was torpedoed in the Bristol Channel in the "free area" on Tuesday, February 26th, which brings the number of British hospital ships sunk within the past twelve months to seven. Six were previously known to have been torpedoed without warning during the night.

The loss of life was heavy, only twenty-nine being saved. Amongst those missing are seven R.A.M.C. officers, other R.A.M.C. ranks forty-seven, and we regret to add eight female nurses.

Miss Kate Beaufoy, the Matron, who is amongst the missing, had occupied the position of Matron of several hospital ships, had travelled 60,000 miles since the beginning of the war, and 30,000 patients had been temporarily under her care. She served as a nurse in the South African War, and some

years ago taught nursing to Italian probationers in Rome; and was decorated by the Queen of Italy.

Amongst the nursing staff of the *Glenart Castle* were two nurses who had just given up the greater part of a year to nursing German prisoners of war at Belmont, Surrey. We all know how hard this task is, and it seems an act of brutal ingratitude that their work for the enemy wounded should be requited with foul murder at the hands of the German navy.

Sister R. R. Beresford joined the *Glenart Castle* on February 24th; and Sister Blake, an Australian, in November.

A memorial service, held on Sunday in the hospital chapel at Belmont, was conducted by Captain Whitaker, who paid a high tribute to the work of the Sisters.

During the impressive service, Sister Berry sang "O Rest in the Lord"; and it concluded with the "Last Post."

The Bishop of London, preaching at a service for members of the Baltic Exchange at St. Andrew Undershaft, said that on the next six months the future of the whole world depended. He continued:—We know where we are. We know from what has happened in Russia that you cannot disarm the tiger by smiling at it. We know now from what happened yesterday that there is no repentance for the most awful crimes of violence which have again been enacted when the seventh hospital ship has been sent to the bottom. The cries of the drowning nurses will echo in our ears for ever, and will brand us as a nation of cowards if we ever cease to strive that such appalling wickedness may be made impossible for ever.

BRITISH HELP TO FRANCE.

Now that the British Committee of the French Red Cross has control of the work formerly undertaken by the Anglo-French Hospitals Committee of the British Red Cross Society, an office has been opened in Paris at 36, Rue de Chateaudun, where Mr. Harold Cobb is in control, as delegate of the British Committee.

A NEW OFFICE OF MATRON.

The organisation of the work in France has necessitated the creation of a new office, that of Matron in France, and this appointment has been offered to, and accepted by, Miss E. J. Haswell, formerly a member of the French Flag Nursing Corps, who, as Sister-Matron at the Hôpital Complémentaire No. 25 at Talence, Bordeaux, and subsequently Matron-in-Chief of the Corps, assisting Miss Grace Ellison in Paris, has gained just the kind of experience required to fit her for her new and interesting sphere of usefulness, which will include the professional supervision of the French Flag Nursing Corps Department in France, for the past twelve months an integral part of the British Committee C.R.F. which finances it as a gift to

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