

held a cup of cold water to the lips of a dying British soldier, and then deliberately poured it on the ground. "As true women we salute you, we salute you with a reverence no words can tell."

The preacher reminded the Matrons present that on them depended very largely what the nurses of the future would be, "Matrons, Matres Misericordiæ, so rule your hospitals that you may never be ashamed in the great day."

"Sisters and Nurses, be faithful followers of the Lily Maid of Nazareth. You are entrusted with great work, State work, see that your words are always right words, white words. It is because such great work is entrusted to you by the country that we are met here to-day."

Not only the note of sadness (said the Archdeacon) had been sounded by the service, not only a "De Profundis," but a "Te Deum," and the marvellous roll of the drums in the Dead March when played by the Coldstream Guards would symbolize the roll of the cannon, those cannon which should sound the death-knell of all German tyranny, ambition, and cruelty.

Following the most consoling and beautiful music of the Dead March in "Saul," heard at its best in St. Paul's Cathedral, "The Last Post" rang out, sounded from the galleries at the west end of the Cathedral by the drummers of the 5th (Res.) Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, and a memorable service ended with the first verse of the National Anthem, sung by choir and congregation.

The collection in the Cathedral amounted to £118 9s., and the sale of forms of service to £30, and will be given to the work of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John.

H.M. Queen Alexandra has conveyed to the Rev. A. Lombardini, who organized the service, her warm appreciation of the excellence of the arrangements.

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Friends of the Sisters who are members of the F.F.N.C. will be relieved to know that they are all safe and well, though, as one writes, "during the recent push it was a near thing our falling into the clutches of the enemy."

Another Sister writes: "We have been working very hard, under very difficult circumstances, but so far all has gone well . . . we thought our last hour had come, but God was very good to us. Things are calmer now—still, it was a time of such terrible strain for everyone; but the glorious French soldiers are making such a splendid stand against Prussianism. . . . we see so much of their sufferings that our hearts bleed for them."

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

The following ladies had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace, last Saturday, when His Majesty decorated them with the Royal Red Cross.

#### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

##### FIRST CLASS.

Q.A.I.M.N.S.: Matron Ethel Keene.  
Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.: Matron Alice Read, Sister Annie Denton, and Staff Nurses Kathleen Johnston and Eva Wilson. Civil N.S.: Matrons Annie Mulliner and Kathleen Simmons. V.A.D.: Miss Marion Sillifant.

##### SECOND CLASS.

Q. A. I. M. N. S.: Sister Gordon Sellar.  
Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.: Matrons Mary Maxwell and Margaret Richardson, Sisters Gertrude Collins, Isabel Day, Isabella Hilton, Mary Mirrilees and Kate White. A.N.S.R.: Assistant Matron May West. T.F.N.S.: Sisters Mary Hughes, Florence Sheppard, and Staff Nurse Ann Lawrie. Civil N.S.: Matrons Margaret Brown, Marie Pellanger, Ada Dix, Helen Lay, Margaret Orr, Rosamund Skipworth, Ada Smith, and Nancy Winter; Asst. Matron Edith Johns, Sisters Mary Crow, Mary Emerson, Mary Millar, Thelma Murphy and Elizabeth Smith, and Staff Nurse Constance Bischoff. British Red Cross Society: Matrons Alice Lawes, Katherine McGrath, Katherine Rapson, Lucy Short, Mary Webster and Mary Woodrow, Sisters Charlotte Gooding, Esther Robinson and Cicely Smith. V.A.D.: Mrs. Florence Catcheside, Miss Lily Corbitt, Miss Eliza Everett, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mrs. Ria Jonas, Miss Harriet Leslie, Miss Ruby Magee, Miss Eleanor Minshall, Mrs. Margaret Moate, Miss Charlotte Moon, Mrs. Mary Muir, Mrs. Edith Peech, Miss Ethel Powell, Mrs. Ethel Rogers, Miss Elizabeth Young-Scott, Mrs. Bertha Sharpe, Mrs. Rosa Slocock, Mrs. Maud Tennyson-Smith, Miss Helena Sulman, Mrs. Anne Swan, Miss Margery Thomson, Mrs. Mary Wainwright, Miss Agnes Williams, Miss Nellie Windermer, Miss Jessie Woolly, and Mrs. Annie Young. Canadian A.N.S.: Sisters Alfreda Attrill, Winifred Byrne, Amy Howard, and Edith Hudson.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the Military and Civil Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace in the morning.

#### THE COVETED STAR.

Bart.'s nurses owe much to Miss Beatrice Cutler, the Assistant Matron, who, with the exception of some weeks spent in Brussels in 1914, when she saw the historic entry of the Germans into the Belgian capital, and nursed the wounded in the hospital of St. John, has remained on duty at St. Bartholomew's, though the attractions of war work must have been strong. Her colleagues are there-

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