

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The King decorated the following ladies with the Royal Red Cross at Buckingham Palace last Saturday, and they were afterwards received by Queen Alexandra at Marlborough House.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Matron Marion Smith.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Helen Cousins.
Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Lady Sargant.

SECOND CLASS.

The Duchess of Bedford.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Assistant Matron Margaret

Maxwell, Sister May Archer, Sister Ellen Kohry, Sister Adelaide Salkind, and Staff Nurse Gladys Ryland.
Territorial Force Nursing Service.—
Staff Nurse Janet Dickson.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Isabella Beaton, Matron Charlotte Leigh, Matron Marion Stanley, Matron Ella Gordon-Stayner, Matron Brigid Sullivan, Matron Mary Wisdom, Assistant Matron Beatrice Monk, Assistant Matron Jeannie Murray, Second Assistant Matron Nelly Littlewood, and Sister Ellen Valler.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Sarah Rowe, Matron Mary Steedman, Sister Florence Bickmore, Sister Lilian Parry, Sister Hilda Ross, and Sister Marie Stelling.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Edith Wilkinson-Carter, Miss Charlotte Davies, Miss Mary McCammon, Mrs. Annie MacLaren, Miss Agnes Polson, Miss Lois Pugh, Mrs. Lilian Reay, Mrs. Elsie Robson, Miss Lilian Rooke, Mrs. Margaret Rowson, Miss Marjorie Sewell, Miss Marion Soans, Miss Catharine Stay, Mrs. Edith Stephens, Mrs. Eleanor Stratton, Miss Mary Heath-Stubbs, Miss Margaret Twite, Miss Cicely Wickstead, and Miss Amy Wright.

As we reported recently, the Queen received the following distinguished Matrons:—Miss Margaret MacDonald, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Canadian Army Nursing Service; Miss

Evelyn Conyers, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Australian Nursing Service, and Miss Mabel Thurston, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Nurses of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

We learn that Her Majesty received these ladies in her private apartments at Windsor Castle, that Princess Mary was present, and that the interview was of a most gratifying nature—the Queen most sympathetic and kind, the Matrons highly delighted with their reception.

It is not generally known that the Nursing Services from the Dominions overseas have been practically independent, and organised on a more liberal and up-to-date system than those controlled by our War Office; that Canada has sent 1,900 highly trained nurses to the service of the Allies, Australia 1,500, and New Zealand 500, and that they have acquitted themselves with credit on all



British Official.]

CANARIES WHICH LIVE ABOARD AN AMBULANCE TRAIN TO CHEER WOUNDED WITH SONG.

fronts. The Matrons-in-Chief have maintained a high standard of training and character in the ranks, and these, our sisters from overseas, have won well-deserved recognition throughout the War.

The visit of the Matrons-in-Chief to magnificent Windsor—a worthy residence for the King of the Empire on which the sun never sets—will remain with them as a vivid memory of the Motherland when they return each one, to her beloved home overseas.

Nurses holding a three years' certificate who wish to join the French Flag Nursing Corps can be seen by appointment by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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