

LA MÉDAILLE D'HONNEUR.
French Decoration.

Miss Grace Corder, R.R.C., Acting Matron,
Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., B.E.F.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

Miss F. M. Hepburn, Acting Sister, and Miss F. E.
Southcott, Staff Nurse, Civil Hospital Reserve,
B.E.F.

NAMES BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR WAR FOR VALUABLE SERVICES
RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WAR.

Miss L. A. Anson, Matron, B.R.C.S., Theological
College, Ely.

Miss E. M. Fox, Matron, British Red Cross Society.
Mrs. Elliott (*née* Loveday), Matron, British Red
Cross Society Headquarters, London.

Since the commencement of the war, 15 Guy's
Nurses have been awarded the Royal Red Cross,
1st class; 37 the Royal Red Cross, 2nd class; 2 the
Military Medal; 2 Russian Medal of St. George;
1 La Médaille d'Honneur; 20 Mentioned in Des-
patches, and 27 have had their names brought to
the notice of the Secretary of State for War for
valuable services rendered in connection with the
war; 1 Lady of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem;
1 Commander of the British Empire.

After the usual votes of thanks had been proposed
and carried with acclamation, the pleasant meeting
broke up. A few lingered to avail themselves of
the kind permission to visit the X-ray room, where
some interesting radiographs were shown by one
of the Sisters.

B. K.

HANDS OFF THE PRESTIGE OF OUR PROFESSION.

Meetings in support of the War Charities Appeal
—the Nation's Fund for Nurses—have been held
in Edinburgh and Dublin since our last issue.

Viscountess Cowdray was the principal speaker
at the former meeting, she stated that in the past
we had not been able to get our Registration Bill
passed, and, as usual, failed to state the reason—
that the persons who are now dominating the
College of Nursing, Ltd., fought tooth and nail
against the Nurses' just and progressive Bill, and
now offer in its stead a measure controlled by
themselves, and calculated to effectually suppress
the evolution of the independence of the Nursing
Profession. It appears to us absolutely intolerable
that wealthy women use their power and leisure
to attempt to subjugate those of their sex who live
honourable and laborious days working for the
nation's welfare.

Every speaker at Edinburgh deplored the
poverty and helplessness of trained nurses, but
failed to point the moral, that the work of these
invaluable women should be placed on a just eco-
nomic basis, so that like their colleagues in our
Dominions overseas, and in America, they can
make provision for themselves. To deplore bad
economic conditions and attempt to bolster them
up with charity is ever the method of our Lady

Bountifuls, whose doles and patronage have for
centuries undermined the independence and self-
respect of the "paid" working woman, whom they
hold in contempt. Nothing can be more odious
and demoralising, and we protest against the
prestige of our profession, which we workers have
raised, being trifled with by the idle rich, and
society women, under the banner of the British
Red Cross Society. The whole attitude of these
women towards Trained Nursing during the war
has been a gross abuse of social influence.

NURSING ECONOMICS.

We are glad to note that the Labour Group
of women are beginning to study Nursing
Economics, as they seize upon essential points
at once, which, apparently, the majority of our
matrons and nurses find so difficult to grasp—
and with which the former appear to have so
little sympathy. We quote from the *Labour
Woman*, a monthly paper for working women,
the following enlightened paragraph:—

DEMOCRATIC HELP FOR NURSES.

"The profession of trained nurses is as arduous
as that of any working woman—or, indeed,
working man—in the community. All of us know
what splendid work they do, and also all of us
know the unselfishness and the untiring care
that they show of their patients. Yet, as pro-
fessions go, it is ill-paid and ill-organized. The
nurses now are trying to get a Bill passed by
Parliament which shall establish their profession
on a better basis and which shall require State
Registration. Their Bill establishes a Central
Committee for State Registration upon which
nurses, through their own organizations, are
fully represented, thus providing for democratic
control.

"There is, however, certain opposition to the
Bill, which comes especially from the College of
Nursing, Ltd. This College, which is endeavouring
to control the whole of the profession, is more or
less a philanthropic affair and has actually refused
to grant representation to the societies of the
rank and file. We believe—and every Labour
woman will agree—that the nurses should be
placed in exactly the same position as other
workers, and that they should have not only
registration of qualified nurses, as in the medical
profession, but that on the body which controls
this registration and which sets the standard for
nursing for the whole country, they should have
strong representation of their own rank and file."

COMMITTEES AND COERCION.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary of the Society for
the State Registration of Trained Nurses, has been
in communication with the authorities of some of
the leading Nurse Training Schools, asking for a
reply to the question if probationers are to be
submitted to an examination and be certified
by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which is a lay

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