

qualities with extensive professional knowledge. Indefatigably devoted to the wounded under her care, she is a valuable assistant to the surgeon in the operating room. Miss Brass particularly distinguished herself in the course of the bombardments of June, July and October, 1917, and still more particularly in the bombardment of March, 1918, in which the hospital premises were directly attacked, and during which, by her calm demeanour and good humour, she rendered the greatest assistance in maintaining calm among the wounded."

It is inevitable that where so-called honours are shied around in thousands, as the Order of the British Empire has been, that its bestowal should be treated as a joke, as it was in the House of Commons last week. Indeed, one wit has remarked that it is not yet a penal offence under D.O.R.A. to refuse it!

The fact is that the clamour of the pushful, untrained Commandant and other Red Cross workers had to be met, as the bestowal of the R.R.C., recognised as a nursing decoration, an ink-pot (clerical) workers and V.A.D.s was rapidly depreciating its former value, and arousing a sense of indignation upon the part of those who really deserved it.

All the same, many persons on whom the M.B.E. has been bestowed have honourably earned recognition, and we are pleased to note amongst these earnest workers the names of Miss Louisa Griffith, Matron, Hackney Infirmary; Miss Sarah A. P. Hannaford, Matron, Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum; Miss Christina G. Knight, Matron, Albert Dock Hospital; Mrs. Catherine A. Kerr-Lawson, Supt. Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses; Miss Edith M. E. Todd, Matron, Royal Arsenal Hospital, Woolwich; and Miss Jessie McHardie White, Australian Army Nursing Service.

Brave telephone and munition workers, canteen workers and others have well deserved the recognition bestowed. It is a pity, however, that so much class distinction has been made in placing women in the various classes of the Order. Apparently to be born with, or married to, a title qualifies for a status real worth cannot attain. We cannot hope, however, to eliminate the constitutional snobbery of the British bureaucrat who advises the Fount of All Honour in this connection, and if people object to crumbs they should not pick them up.

## OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

### NURSING SERVICE.

#### WOUNDED.

Dascombe, St.-Nurse B., Q.A.I.M.N.S.  
Freshfield, Miss K. M., V.A.D.

#### DROWNED.

Black, Miss E. E., V.A.D.  
Bolus, Miss D. K., V.A.D.

#### ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.

Lancaster, Spec. Mil. Prob. A. H., T.F.N.S.

#### KILLED.

Bain, Sister A. W., St. John Ambulance Brigade.

#### WOUNDED.

Eadie, Sister E. P., St. John Ambulance Brigade.  
McKinnon, Sister M., St. John Ambulance Brigade.

## CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King has approved of the pattern of a distinctive armlet to be supplied to men who have lost an arm or a leg, so that the public will be enabled to recognise and give special consideration to discharged sailors and soldiers who have been fitted with artificial limbs.

The King and Queen have both subscribed towards the fund which Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, is raising to provide a home for totally disabled sailors and soldiers.

Princess Mary will be present at the Chelsea Fair in aid of the Surgical Requisites Association (Orthopaedic Branch of the Q.M.N.G.), which is being held at the Royal Hospital Grounds, Chelsea, on June 27th. Her Royal Highness will receive caskets which are being collected by children. There will also be a prize drawing (first prize £100, and £100 in smaller prizes) at which the Lord Mayor of London will officiate. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Fagan, Chelsea Fair Office, 156, King's Road, S.W.3.

The London units of the Scottish Women's Hospitals (N.U.W.S.S.), with which Dr. Elsie Inglis was associated during the last years of her life, have decided to commemorate the founder of their organisation by the endowment of a Chair of Medicine to be founded at Belgrade, when the university in the Serbian capital is reconstituted after the war.

The London Memorial Fund will be inaugurated at a meeting at the Mansion House, on Friday, July 5th, over which the Lord Mayor will preside.

The scheme has the support of an influential international committee, representing the Eastern and Western Churches, education, science, art, letters and diplomacy.

## THE DARLING SON.

MITCHELL.—In ever-loving memory of Lieut. Alexander G. Mitchell, Middlesex Regiment (the "Die Hards"), the darling son of Sir Thomas and Lady Mitchell, of Southsea, who was foully bombed to death the 30th May during an air raid on one of the hospitals in France, where he was lying utterly helpless after an operation (he was taken there on the 27th May), aged nearly 21.

Another link is broken,

Another soul at rest

"Within the veil" in glory,

Now dwells among the blest.

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