

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The King held an Investiture in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace on September 11th, when His Majesty conferred decorations as follows:—

ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.
—Matron KATE ROSCOE, Sister HELEN DEY.
Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Matron SARAH COCKRELL, Sister JESSIE CARDOZO.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.
—Sister DORA GRAYSON.
Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister LILY JENKINS and Sister MARY WEDDER-
SPOON.
Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service for India.—Matron MARION KNAPP.
Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister ANNIE GIBBINS.
Civil Nursing Service.—Matron ANNIE RASTALL, Assistant Matron EDITH COCKERAM, and Assistant Matron JEAN DUMBLE.
British Red Cross Society.—Sister LILY GRIFFITHS and Sister RUTH NICHOLAS.
Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss BERTHA CATTELL, Miss MAUDE EPPS, and Miss ELIZABETH SINCLAIR-WHITE.
Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Sister GWENDOLEN SPALDING.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister WINIFRED HAWKINS.

The King has awarded the Royal Red Cross 2nd Class, to Miss Letitia Reeves, Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Welwyn, for valuable nursing services in the war.

Recently in a crowded motor-bus two wounded soldiers rose politely from their seats to offer them to two women, one in nursing uniform, who promptly took the place without even a word of thanks. The other, an elderly woman, exclaimed "No, not the seat of a man in blue. We ought to stand for you." We should have supposed that the nurse was merely one of the many women who don our uniform without the right to wear it; but alas! her uniform was that of the Territorial Force Nursing Service.

The headquarters of the American Red Cross has received from Havre an announcement that the Queen of the Belgians will apply a part of the gift of 1,000,000 fr. recently made to her by the American Red Cross, to the payment of the "household expenses" of a rest home for Belgian nurses, which Her Majesty will open at Cannes. It will be in the famous "Villa Henri IV," and the Queen has named it the "Royal Elisabeth Club." The fresh air and sunshine of the Côte d'Azur afford ideal surroundings for convalescing to wounded and overworked nurses.

An Army Order just issued states that the conditions governing the award of the Silver War Badge to disabled men (including officers) have been amended. Under the new conditions the Badge, subject to the consent of the Army Council, will be issued to the undermentioned persons (amongst others) who have served with the military forces subsequent to August 4th, 1914:—

Female nurses and members of Voluntary Aid Detachments and Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps who have been discharged or have relinquished their duties on account of physical disabilities, such as would render them permanently unfit for further service in their respective corps.

A friend writes from Paris: "Everything here is for the Americans. They are spending tons of money, and so well. Fancy, I have a little friend from the U.S.A. here in the Y.M.C.A. Bureau; she has 600 francs a month for expenses. The volunteer Red Cross Workers get 750 francs a month for expenses. No salaries! None of them possess very extensive Continental experience."

"The American Red Cross are now calling upon the V.A.D. Department for workers in their hospitals in this country, as, owing to transport difficulties, it is impossible to bring the required number of workers from the United States. We wonder if they are to be paid at the same rate as in France; for, if so, there will be an economic upheaval at Devonshire House. The high prices paid to American women working in France have caused a sense of alarm amongst those who fear this liberal recognition may be demanded by French women. In our opinion, anything which sweeps away the old miserable sweated rates for which European women were expected to work before the war will be a boon and a blessing; and the first step to a higher moral standard of living throughout the community."

A contingent of Japanese nurses has been sent to Vladivostock by the Japanese Chapter of the American Red Cross.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss Haswell and the Sisters have presented to Miss Grace Ellison a very charming handbag in green morocco and fitted with gold, accompanied by the following letter:—

"Miss Haswell and the Sisters of the F.F.N.C. beg Miss Ellison to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of their recognition and gratitude for all she has done for them. They regret extremely that her health compels her to withdraw from the active work of the corps, and they wish her a speedy recovery."

Naturally, Miss Ellison is deeply gratified by this mark of affection from her fellow workers.

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