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Matron Ada Yorke, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Winchester Divisional Red Cross Hospital), received a Bar to the Royal Red Cross on the same day as her son, Captain H. Yorke, R.A.M.C., received the M.C. Proud mother and proud son! We congratulate them both.

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

It is reported that the Queen is particularly anxious that wounded women should be permitted to wear a little gold-braid stripe on their sleeves after the manner of the men. She is of opinion that it is the least recognition they can have. For some time now there has been a rumour that women should receive orders for distinguished service, and we hear that this is under consideration and is likely to bear fruit.

We hope to hear that trained nurses under the authority of the *Service du Santé*, in France, may be granted the right to wear the *galons* for length of service, as soldiers are. The Sisters of the F.F.N.C. rank as officers in the French Army, and have many of their privileges.

We hear that some of the American masseuses in France are doing remarkably clever work in manipulating bad facial wounds. These masseuses were originally beauty doctors, and—like all the American specialists of this order—are very clever at their work.

In France, where the "religious" have been for so long the nurses of the sick, the modern civil and military nurse is a new species, not yet quite understood or approved. For instance, when the Americans first came to Talence, the fact that they were provided with recreation and gaily tripped the light fantastic toe with their fellow workers the doctors rather shocked the French. But recreation is a most necessary provision in the maintenance of a sound mental and physical balance, especially in war—and dancing may be harmless enough.

Miss Jane A. Delano, R.N. (Chairman of the National Committee on Nursing Service of the American Red Cross), writes of "Recreation Houses for Nurses" in the *American Journal of Nursing*. The A.R.C., at the request of the Surgeon-General, is erecting forty of such recreation houses, which are in reality club houses for nurses working in the cantonment hospitals. Most exacting care is being given to the comforts within. The main room (30 by 75 ft.), to be used ordinarily as a living room, will also be adapted for an assembly hall, and can be used for dances and receptions. There will be a small balcony, which may be utilised, among other ways, for operating moving pictures. From the great room will open a library, a sewing room equipped with machines and all conveniences, a small laundry, and a fully equipped kitchen. A piano and victrola and dainty lounges, and everything else necessary to express a sense of home, and to supply the needs and add to the comfort of cantonment life, have been provided. These clubs will be connected with the nurses' quarters.

Major Chapple recently asked the Under Secretary of State for War, in the House of Commons, whether any advance in the mess allowance to nurses had recently been made to meet the increased cost of food; and whether he had satisfied himself that the increased and increasing strain being put upon nurses in the execution of their duties was being fully met by an adequate supply of nourishing food?

Mr. Forster replied, as follows: "An advance of 4s. 2d. was authorised in February, 1917. I have no information to suggest that the nurses are suffering in consequence of an inadequate supply of nourishing food."

A Sister we know, now supervising W.A.A.C.s, appears to have put on lbs. of weight. "No wonder," she remarked, cheerfully, "we are magnificently fed; meat twice a day, and as much of everything as we can stuff." Moral: To avoid the vacuum nature abhors, become a woman soldier.

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