

### NEW JOINT NURSING BOARD.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that the two Advisory Boards, which have, respectively, dealt with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and the Territorial Force Nursing Service, have been reconstituted as a joint board, under the title of "Queen Alexandra's Army Nursing Board," with Her Majesty Queen Alexandra as President. The joint board has been formed to secure greater uniformity of administration in the two nursing services. The services themselves remain distinct as heretofore. The constitution of the Board is as follows:—

The Director-General, Army Medical Service (Chairman).

The Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Force Nursing Service.

A Representative of the Voluntary Aid Detachments.

Six Laywomen and six Matrons of Civil Hospitals.

The following ladies have been appointed members of the new Board:—

The Dowager Countess of Airlie (Vice-President).  
Lady Amptih'l (representing Voluntary Aid Detachments).

The Countess Roberts.

The Countess of Minto.

Lady Codrington.

Lady Knox.

Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D.

#### MATRONS OF CIVIL HOSPITALS.

Miss R. Cox-Davies, R.R.C. (Royal Free Hospital).

Miss A. Lloyd-Still, R.R.C. (St. Thomas's Hospital).

Miss A. B. Baillie, R.R.C. (Principal Matron T.F.N.S.) (Royal Infirmary, Bristol).

Miss H. Gregory Smith, R.R.C. (Western Infirmary, Glasgow).

Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C. (General Infirmary, Leeds).

Miss M. G. Montgomery (Middlesex Hospital).

### HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on October 23rd, when the following decorations were conferred:—

#### THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Q.A.I.M.N.S.: Sister Isobel Whyte.  
Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.: Sisters Sarah Bowe, Annie Duncan and Frances Spedding. T.F.N.S.: Sister Helen Drinkwater. B.R.C.S.: Sister Annie Walker, V.A.D.: Miss Muriel Batey, Mrs. Frances Crawshaw and Miss Hester Trimble.

#### THE MILITARY MEDAL.

First Aid Nursing Yeomanry: Miss Muriel Thompson.

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, presided at the Luncheon at the Trocadero, Piccadilly, given in honour of the Matrons-in-Chief of the Military Services under the Crown, on the 30th inst. Queen Alexandra desired to be kept informed of the arrangements, and sent the flowers to decorate the tables.

Now that the day of the deliverance of Belgium is at hand, the nurses who worked for its people in their hour of agony are rejoicing with them. Our picture on page 266 shows a group of British nurses who worked in a hospital in Flanders.

Sister Jane Elizabeth Trotter, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), who, as reported, has been awarded the Military Medal for distinguished service on the field, belongs to Leicester. During a night air raid, which lasted four hours, she visited all the wards reassuring the sick and wounded, and her orderly was mortally wounded while standing by her in one of the wards. Before the war Sister Trotter was for some years a valued member of the nursing staff at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. She volunteered for foreign service in the early days of the war, and has been serving abroad four years. At the outset she was nursing in a hospital at Brussels, remaining there up to the time of its evacuation by the Belgian Army. She was awarded the Mons Star and was twice mentioned in despatches. While she was at home on furlough the King decorated her with the Royal Red Cross. Sister Trotter formerly had nursing charge of the casualty department of the Leicester Infirmary, where she received her training as a nurse.

An eminent nurse from America writes:—"We are all very thankful for the encouraging fortunes of the war, and we get most thrilling letters from the nephew, who is still flying over the French lines, I hope and trust your beautiful little family are still intact. I have ardent hopes that the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg dynasties will be cast down into utter oblivion and that a self-governing free grouping will arise in the places so long crushed under these robber barons. How often one realises that we are just at the very dawn of civilisation—just emerging from the Dark Ages! O'd Eng'and herself has just lately outgrown those bad habits. Now she must not fail to do with Wilhelm and Karl what she did with Napoleon.

"I am posting to you the pamphlet showing what is being done in our Congress to get army rank for nurses. The War Department has done something, but not enough, and can go no further without Act of Congress. I enclose a letter to visualise to you the most charming and capable woman lawyer who is trying to get the Act through. A splendid example of women's work for women, and not least I must mention that for

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