

RELIEF WORK.

The chapter on "Relief Work in the Devastated Zones" is concerned chiefly with the labours of the Society of Friends. As part of the schemes for providing employment, sewing and embroidery classes have been started and materials provided. One mother told how she heard her daughters, as they sat over their new found occupation, singing for the first time since the war began. And a child of seven confided gravely: "Pour les émigrés, vous savez, c'est désolant; mais, avec la broderie, on s'ennuiera moins."

IMPRESSONS.

Part III gives us a series of impressions from a variety of points of view, all interesting. In "A Thought for the Future" we read: "France, like other nations, has experienced what the sinister phrase-makers of Prussia call 'peaceful penetration.' She has experienced a foreign infiltration, professedly friendly, the extent and volume of which she never suspected till suddenly, in a night, she woke to find those myriad dwellers in her cities and country towns, industrious and ingratiating, useful and well-behaved, were smiling thieves of her secrets, priers into her resources and her weakniesses—returning in helmet and uniform as swaggering conquerors to the homes where they had been trusted and subservient, the implements of a patient and laborious perfidy."

Part IV contains a statistical index, a list of war hospital supply depots, and a list of over 7,000 British subjects who have gone abroad on Red Cross and kindred war work for the French up to December 31st, 1917. An admirable arrangement is that names are not mentioned in the text, but in the statistical index at the end of the book full credit is given to the workers.

The literary skill, the painstaking research, and the sympathy with dauntless France, which go to the making of this book, command our whole-hearted admiration; and we offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. Laurence Binyon on his work. The charming illustrations add to its interest. It is a book to buy and treasure.

E. G. F.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following ladies were decorated by the King at Buckingham Palace, on July 17th:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.
—Acting Matron Helena HARTIGAN.
Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.
—Lady Superintendent Clara CUSINS.

SECOND CLASS.

Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Sister Hilda CONNELL, Sister Anne DAWE, Sister Rosina HOOK, Sister Helen PATERSON, and Staff Nurse Christina GUNN.

T.F.N.S.—Matron Alexandra CONNOR, Sister Elsie BLACKBURN, and Sister Anne MUSSON.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Mary GORT, Matron Helen CROCKWELL, Matron Catherine DAVIES, Matron Elizabeth DAVIES, Matron Edith WILLIAMS, Assistant Matron Annie COTTRELL, and Sister Ellen DEAN.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Anne CAMPBELL, Matron Lottie DARLEY, Matron Kate JONES, and Sister Alicia CULLINAN.

V.A.D.—Miss Gwendolyn CRAWFORD, Lady CROSFIELD, Miss Ethel CRUMP, Miss Maud HEATHCOTE, Miss AGNES McDERMOTT, and Mrs. Edith MARSDEN.

Almeric Paget Military Massage Corps.—Sister Margery COOK.

Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Mary ALLWOOD, Sister Anna BRUCE, Sister Elizabeth CAMPBELL, Sister Katherine DE VELLEFEUILLE, Sister Margaret FEARON, Sister Lillie GALBRAITH, Sister Cicely GALT, Sister Alice GRINDLAY, Sister Phyllis GUILBRIDE, Sister Alice HOGARTH, Sister Isabel Holden, Sister Mary HUBBS, Sister Edith LUMSDEN, Sister Jean LYALL, Sister Helena MACCALLUM, Sister Mary MACLEOD, Sister Theodora McKIEL, Sister Annie McNICOL, Sister Martha MORTON, Sister Mina MOWAT, Sister Cecil OATMAN, Sister Mae PRICHARD, and Sister Mary QUIGLEY.

Queen Alexandra received the Matrons and Sisters at Marlborough House after the Investiture.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the undermentioned ladies, in recognition of their valuable nursing services in connection with the war.

SECOND CLASS.

GRIMBLY, Miss K. A., Staff Sister, Coulsdon and Purley Mil. Hospl., Purley; GRINDLAY, Miss A. M., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, West Cliff Can. Eye and Ear Hospl., Folkestone; GUILBRIDE, Mrs. P., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 11 Can. Gen. Hospl., Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe; GUNN, Miss J., Sister i/c., Handsworth Aux. Hospl., Birmingham.

HAGGAR, Miss L., Nurse, Broadwater Hospl., Belstead Road, Ipswich; HALL-HOUGHTON, Miss M., Sister, T.F.N.S., Bishop's Knoll Sec., 2nd Southern Gen. Hospl., Stoke Bishop, Bristol; HARROWER, Miss M. I., Asst. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., University War Hospl., Southampton; HARTON, Miss K., Sister, Weir Red Cross Hospl., Balham, London; HAYHURST, Miss A., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 10 Canadian Gen. Hospl., Brighton; HEBBERDEN, Miss I. M., Asst. Matron, Great Northern Central Hospl., Holloway Road, N.; HEMMENS, Miss A. A., Sister, T.F.N.S., 3rd Western Gen. Hospl., Cardiff; HENDERSON, Miss F. E., Sister, T.F.N.S., 5th Lond. Gen. Hospl. (St. Thomas's), Lambeth, S.E. 1; HENRICH, Miss M. L., Matron, The Cottage, Fleetwood Road, Southport; HENSTOCK, Miss H., Sister, T.F.N.S., 3rd Northern Gen. Hospl., Sheffield; HEPHERD, Miss M. I., Nurse, White Cross Mil. Hospl., Warrington; HEYDE, Mrs. E., Matron, Balgowan V.A.D. Hospl., Beckenham; HICKLING, Miss C. J., Matron, Red Cross Hospl., Long Eaton; HILL, Miss L., Asst. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Belmont Prisoners of War Hospl., Sutton; HOCKNELL, Miss E., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Military Isolation Hospl., Aldershot; HODGE, Mrs. E. C., Matron, Passmore Edwards Hospl., Middlesex; HODGES, Miss F. M., Lady Supt., Baptist School Red Cross Hospl., Yeovil; HOGARTH, Miss A. G., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 16 Can. Gen. Hospl., Orpington, Kent; HOLDEN, Miss I., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 13 Can. Gen. Hospl., Hastings; HOWARD, Miss S.,

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