

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King conferred decorations as follows at Buckingham Palace on March 20th:—

### ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Sister Jessie Spittal, Territorial Force Nursing Service; Sister Marion Ruddick, Canadian Army Nursing Service; and Sister Catherine Scoble, Canadian Army Nursing Service.

### ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Margaret McLean, Sister Gertrude Smith, and Sister Jane Walker.

Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Elizabeth Cameron, Sister Annie Mitchell, and Sister Katherine Reid.

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

His Majesty conferred decorations as follows, on the 22nd inst.:—

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

Matron Jean Urquhart, Canadian Army Nursing Service, and Matron Evelyn Wilson, Canadian Army Nursing Service.

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

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Staff Nurse Annie Boyd.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Amy Bevan and Sister Florence Henderson.

Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Matron Sadie MacIsaac, Sister Margaret Macdonald, and Sister Alexandra Nelson.

Brave Women Rewarded—

### THE MILITARY MEDAL.

First Aid Nursing Yeomanry.—Driver Evelyn Cridlan, Driver Mary Marshall, and Driver Christina Urquhart.

## M.A.B. ROLL OF HONOUR.

A very impressive memorial service for members of the staff of the Metropolitan Asylums Board who have died in the war, was held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Friday, 21st inst.

Of the Board's Employees who joined the forces as fighting men, doctors, matrons, and nurses, there were 1,493 men and 156 women, a total of 1,649. Of these, 153 were killed or died of wounds and 234 were wounded. The distinctions gained were:—D.S.O. 1; M.C. 9; D.S.M. 4; D.C.M., 7; M.M., 24; Royal Red Cross, 5; Royal Humane Society's medal, 1; Medaille Militaire, 2; Legion of Honour, 1; Croix de Guerre, 2; Italian War Medal, 1; Russian Order of St. Ann, 1; mentioned in despatches, 11—Total, 69. Of these a Croix de Guerre and a Military Medal were won by Nursing Sisters.

Many members of the Board, Medical Superintendents, Matrons and members of the nursing staffs were present at the funeral service, wearing the M.A.B. badge.

## CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS, HIGHGATE.

To celebrate the fourth anniversary of the opening of Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers an entertainment was given on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., to the patients and nursing staff. The Chairman (the Rt. Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Bt., M.P.) presided.

Sir Alfred presented the Matron and each member of the staff with a wrist watch, and thanked all for the splendid work they had done. He referred to the excellent record of the Hospital, and said he was very proud to have had the privilege of being its chairman.

The appreciation of the officers was voiced by Major Ian Anderson, the senior officer in the hospital, who expressed the great debt they all owed to Sir Alfred Mond.

From a summary of the four years' work at this hospital Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, the Hon. Surgeon-in-charge, proved from statistics that the benefit to the severely wounded of treatment in the pure air and quiet surroundings of Highgate can scarcely be exaggerated. The experience of four years demonstrates that by treatment under the conditions obtaining, the duration of hospital treatment is diminished by about thirty days in a hundred; indeed, it is probably not an exaggeration to say that in some cases lives have been saved which would have been lost had the treatment been carried out in London itself.

Another most interesting feature of the work at Highgate is the influence of fresh air on the condition of patients after the administration of an anæsthetic. At Highgate there is a slighter rise of temperature, and greater freedom from bronchial irritation as compared with the effects of similar anæsthetics administered in a London hospital. This is especially the case with regard to nitrous oxide gas and oxygen, which, during the past three years has been employed extensively by one of the Honorary Anæsthetists (Captain H. E. G. Boyle).

From the point of view of the patients' comfort and the freedom from after effects, the extended use of this anæsthetic marks a great advance in the art of anæsthesia.

Mr. Paterson concluded with an expression of appreciation of the sterling and thorough work which has been done by the nursing staff of the Hospital under the able and sympathetic management of the Matron, Miss M. C. Sinziniex.

We know several officers who will always retain a very lively sense of gratitude for the skilled medical and nursing care they received at Queen Alexandra's Hospital.

### ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTION.

The Royal Sanitary Institute is to hold a Congress and Health Exhibition at Newcastle-on-Tyne, from July 28th to August 2nd. Ship Sanitation will be a feature of the meeting.

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