

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on March 29th, when His Majesty conferred the following decorations:—

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Staff Nurse Christina Oliver.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Margaret O'Neill, and Sister Sybil Harry.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade.—Matron Lucy Thompson, and Sister Sarah Chadwick.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Jessie Slocombe, and Miss Katherine Wyld.

On March 27th His Majesty conferred the following decorations:—

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Elsie King.

Civil Nursing Service.—Sister Clare Murray, and Sister Harriet Rainbow.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Florence Abell.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Mary Fisher, and Sister Winifred Scott.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the Military Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investitures at Buckingham Palace.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.—Miss J. Brown has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and at the Monsall Fever Hospital, and had other experience in provincial hospitals, and also held the positions of Sister of the Children's Ward, Night Superintendent, and Temporary Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and of Assistant Matron at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

Isolation Hospital, Stafford.—Miss Mary Borton has been elected Matron. She was trained at the Joint Hospital, Birstall, nr. Leeds, and at the West Bromwich and District Hospital, and has been Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Tamworth.

Chestnuts Sanatorium, Preston.—Miss Gertrude Wyrill has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Pancras Infirmary, South, London, and has held, amongst other posts, Sister at Meathop Home, Grange, T. B. Nurse at Halifax, and is at present Sister-in-Charge at the Sanatorium, Withernsea, Yorks.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Babies Castle, Dr. Barnardo's Home, Hawkhurst.—Miss Lily A. Gostling has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E., where she has been Night Sister and Ward Sister.

SISTER.

Royal National Hospital, Ventnor.—Miss Florence King has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Sister-in-Charge at a Nursing Home, Hove, and Night Sister, and Sister-in-Charge of Neville Park Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

THEATRE SISTER.

General Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss Olive Roberts has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, where she was Theatre Sister, and has been on military nursing service at home and abroad.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elizabeth A. Bosworth is appointed to Kingswood, as Superintendent; Miss Elsie M. Noel is appointed to Manchester (Hulme), as Superintendent; Miss Catherine M. Williams is appointed to Northants D.N.A., as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Elizabeth A. Dickenson is appointed to Lancaster, as Senior Nurse; Miss Grace L. Ball, to Norwich; Miss Lily Flitcroft, to Willington; Miss Sarah J. McDermott, to Willington; Miss Eleanor Insley, to Gloucester; Miss Florence Randall, to Potterne; Miss Mary B. A. Reed to Chatham; Miss Clara L. Still, to Chiswick; and Miss Grace M. Welton, to Morecambe.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND THE RED CROSS.

The British Red Cross Society has always been an aristocratically controlled body, and professional representation discounted. When, however, the Society proposes to take over a large branch of Civil Nursing—*i.e.*, that concerned with infants and children—and forms a Council to control this work entirely representative of societies of employers (with the exception of the Midwives Institute), the seriousness of the situation is accentuated.

We are, therefore, glad to learn that it has been decided to take evidence from members of the nursing profession at the Conference now sitting at Cannes, under the auspices of the Red Cross Societies of the Allied Countries, in connection with the future work of the Red Cross, and that Miss Lloyd Still, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, and Miss Gill, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, will attend for this purpose.

BEQUESTS BY MISS EVA LÜCKES.

The late Miss Eva Lückes, Matron of the London Hospital, left as proved by her will, £4,178. She left £200 to provide a portrait or bust of Lord Knutsford, to be placed in the Nurses' Sitting-room of the Home which bears her name. Lord Knutsford is to receive a gold and jewelled pen, which "Lord Knutsford will remember he kindly promised to accept," and also £100 with which to purchase a piece of furniture or books. Dr. Theodore H. Thompson receives £200, Misses Ethel Sandifer and Janet Scott, her assistants, £100, and five other fellow-workers £50 each.

A NURSES' CLUB IN EDINBURGH.

A large number of people attended a meeting in the City Chambers, Edinburgh, at which the Lord Provost presided, in support of a local Club for Nurses. Everyone present spoke in support raising the status of nurses in their training and general conditions. Edinburgh, like Glasgow, is to have its Nurses' Club—let us hope on the same independent basis of organisation.

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