

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Alice Lovell, Sister Caroline Parker, Sister Florence Piza and Sister Molly Ruddock.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Mrs. Jean Duka. Australian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Gertrude Doherty and Sister Sadie MacDonald.

The King, at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, on Saturday, April 5th, also conferred the following decorations:—

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (late).—Sister Katherine Duff.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Mary Walker.

Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Agnes Gallop.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Matron Edith Campbell.

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

The King has been pleased to award, on April 4th, the Royal Red Cross to the following ladies in recognition of valuable nursing services under the British Red Cross Society, or Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, rendered in connection with the war:—

ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss E. T. Bickerton, Matron, Prince of Wales Gen. Hospl.; Mrs. F. Eadie, Matron, E. Lanc. Red Cross Hospl., Didsbury College, Manchester; Miss C. F. Grasett, Matron, Aux. Hospl. for Officers, 19, Hyde Park Gardens, London; Miss M. I. Jones, Matron, Aux. Mil. Hospl., Park House, Market Harborough, Leicestershire; Mrs. J. L. Latter, Matron, Red Cross Hospl., Knighton, Radnorshire; Mrs. J. G. Laurie, Matron, Red Cross Hospl. for Officers, 28, Marlborough Buildings, Bath; Miss R. E. M. MacWatters, Matron, Almondsbury Subsidiary Hospl., Bristol; Mrs. S. E. O'Keeffe, Commdt. and Matron, Baldwin Aux. Hospl., Griffithtown, Monmouthshire; Mrs. M. Peiniger, Matron, Syon Aux. Hospl., Brentford; Mrs. M. Shaw, Commdt. and Lady Supt. Nurse, Spring Hall Aux. Mil. Hospl., Halifax, Yorkshire; and Mrs. E. M. Wisdom, Matron, the Suffolk Hospl., Ampton Hall, Bury St. Edmunds.

Some two hundred and fifty ladies were awarded the Royal Red Cross (Second Class).

NURSING AFTER THE WAR.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday, April 3rd, Major Barnett asked the Secretary of State for War whether any, and what, leaving gratuity or unemployment pay is being granted to the Army Nurses of the Territorial Force and Queen Alexandra's Reserve who are now being demobilised?

Mr. Forster replied that the gratuity admissible is that laid down in the Royal Warrant. In general terms it varies with rank from £7 10s. to £15 for each year of service. The question of increasing the gratuity is under consideration.

We are glad that owing to the publicity given in this Journal and the daily press, to the nurses' point of view on this question, nurses are no longer to be demobilised at 12 hours', or even 48 hours', notice. An Army Order has now been circulated to all commands that nurses shall be granted a week's notice, all or part of which may be taken as leave.

The nurses' grievances, particularly those of demobilisation, were recently discussed at a meeting of the Army Nursing Board. The general view taken was that there was no real grievance.

Seems as if a new Board is needed!

There appears to be a consensus of opinion in and out of the Press that the "Summary ejection" of Reserve Army Sisters and Nurses called demobilisation, was very hard on the nurses. Many need rest and holiday, and have no money to pay for it, especially hard was this for those women who have no homes. As we are paying out £1,000,000 a week to industrial out of works, it certainly is scandalous that our nurses, who have done such fine humanitarian work during the war, should be treated with such scant consideration. It is high time trained nurses helped themselves; they need more courage to tackle professional abuses.

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

IN THE HOUSE.

In our last issue we hesitated to touch a discordant note, as our cause had been so wonderfully blessed. We were all so joyous at the marvellous turn of events.

Nothing surprised the State Registrationists more, after living in the shadow for so long, than the very generous praise and recognition bestowed upon their vocation by all the speakers, and it did one's heart good to realise how greatly trained nurses appreciated the public recognition bestowed upon their work.

It was sad to see the lonely figure of Lord Knutsford lobbying in "another place" against the Nurses' Bill. All that can be said for his tactics is that they were consistent—which is something in these days.

Coming into the outer Lobby we spied a silk hat, a novel sight in war time (and surely not worn on the head when addressing women, according to the ethics of *noblesse oblige*) topping a group of nurses, who appeared impatient or amused. We stood on tip-toes, and found it was Lord Knutsford expatiating upon that prehistoric monstrosity the Nurses' Directory Bill, dead and

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