

headquarters does not satisfy their desires. To obviate this it is suggested that sections of the Association should be founded in those countries where the *Gardes Malades* of La Source are exercising their activities, and Paris, Alsace, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Zurich, Basle, and Berne, are suggested as suitable centres. We shall watch with interest the developments of this proposal.

*The Universe* publishes an interesting story of the secret service work of a Belgian priest, Père Meeus, S.J., who, from the beginning of the war, worked at the continual risk of his life as one of the directors of the organisation for maintaining the *morale* of the Belgian people under the German yoke. He was also a collaborator of *La Libre Belgique*, the source of which the Germans could never trace. He originated a daring scheme for carrying correspondence between Belgian soldiers and their wives in the invaded districts, and was able by this means to forward over 1,200,000 letters. He also worked with Miss Cavell and others in passing soldiers over the frontier, amongst them some 400 British soldiers.

At a meeting at Oxford Père Meeus stated that Miss Cavell resolved to help our soldiers to escape, because as long as three months after Mons the Germans were killing their British prisoners out of rage. He told also how the escaped prisoners were taken into Brussels in disguise, and were there met by the *grand espionne*. This was a little girl of eleven, who used to carry a big doll, run about and play, and look in at the shop windows. The soldiers would follow her without any sign of recognition on her part. Then she would stop outside the house in which Miss Cavell met them. The soldiers were bandaged up, transformed into hospital patients, and introduced to Père Meeus as M. Janssen or Baron Janssen. He then got the soldiers across the frontier.

Disguised as a cattle drover Père Meeus got to Ostend and discovered the lurking place of the German submarine. It was also discovered that it was the custom of the officers of Zeppelins and Gothas to dine together before an air raid into England. Père Meeus thereupon set up as a pastrycook, and thus found out when the dinners were to be given, and then, by means of carrier pigeons into Holland, informed the Admiralty of the impending raid.

It was only because Cardinal Mercier sent for Père Meeus to get an important message into Holland that he was not arrested with Miss Cavell.

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The following ladies have been decorated with the Royal Red Cross:—

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

Matron Lily Ephgrave, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and Miss Elizabeth Orr, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

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

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Assistant Matron Louise Bennett, Sister Agnes Edgar, Sister Susanna Haig, Sister Emily Manser, Sister Helen Patterson, and Miss Jean Wells.

Egyptian Army Military Nursing Service.—Sister Dean Lovibond.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Daisy Bulloch, Matron Mary Sinclair, and Sister Alice McConnon.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Irene Anagnostopulo, Miss Lorna Cay, and Miss Alexandria Ross.

## MILITARY NURSING NOTES.

### HELP FOR DISABLED NURSES.

It has been decided to extend the scope of the King's Fund for the disabled, so as to include disabled nurses who are pensioned under the Royal Warrant in respect of war service. Applications may be made to the Secretary, Millbank House, Millbank, London, S.W.1. The main purpose of this provision is to assist such applicants to start in work or set up businesses, to change their homes, or to proceed abroad on medical grounds or in order to take up employment.

### THE 1914 STAR READY.

The War Office announces that the "1914 Star" is now ready for issue to all units of the Army, including the Military Nursing Services.

Officers (or nurses) and other ranks not now serving who have not yet received their Stars should apply in the former case to the Secretary, War Office (A.G. 10), 27, Pilgrim Street, E.C.4, and in the latter case to the Officer in Charge of Records concerned. In the case of deceased officers, nurses, and other ranks, applications from their legatees or next-of-kin should be similarly addressed.

### 1914 STAR FOR HOSPITAL SHIP NURSES.

The War Office has officially decided "to award the 1914-1915 Star to the military nursing sisters who served on the staffs of the hospital ships plying to and from a theatre of war between August 5th, 1914, and December 31st, 1915, inclusive." The ribbons are already available, but it may be some months before the Stars are ready. The hospital ship sisters and nurses will now also be eligible for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, so justice in this particular has been done at last.

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