

Medal, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

Miss A. B. Smith, R.R.C. (Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service), was also received by her Majesty.

His Royal Highness, Prince Arthur of Connaught, held an Investiture at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh, on Thursday, December 4th, as the representative of the King, when the following decorations were conferred.

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

Miss F. Masson, B.R.C.S. (Scottish Branch), formerly Matron of the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford; awarded the decoration in recognition of her work as Matron at Whitehall Hospital, Midlothian. Miss C. Robb, Civil Hospitals Reserve, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

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

Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Sister I. Cameron, Sister N. Hutchison, Sister I. Webster, Nurse E. Beck, Nurse B. Campbell. T.F.N.S.—Sister C. Totton, Sister M. Yule. Northern Rhodesia Medical Corps.—Matron K. Chisholm. Civil Nursing Service.—Sister C. Wooler. B.R.C.S.—Matron A. Allan, Matron M. Gordon-Bell, Matron M. Biggart, Matron E. Cameron, Matron E. Liggat, Matron J. MacGregor, Matron E. Milne, Sister M. Couper, Sister M. Fletcher, Sister M. Foley, Matron C. Williamson, Matron M. Kennedy, Matron N. Melven, Nurse A. Park.

For a brief hour, we are told, Holyrood assumed what is nowadays an unwonted aspect of bustle; the Palace was reawakened, but not simply to "mimic the past." Memories of a great past were naturally kindled by the presence of a Royal Prince within the historic building, yet it was a new precedent that was being established. Kings and Queens have held court there from ancient times, but the investiture was a unique ceremony which lent a new note of dignity to the Royal Palace.

#### A PRAYER.

Now I get me up to work  
I pray the Lord, I may not shirk;  
If I should die before the night  
I pray the Lord my work's done right.  
*A. Fitch.*

#### YET THEY MIGHT.

They might not need me—yet they might,  
I'll let my heart be just in sight,  
A smile so small as mine might be  
Precisely their necessity.  
*Emily Dickinson.*

The soul would have no rainbow  
Had the eyes no tears.

*John Vana Cheney.*

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

The Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses met at 58, Victoria Street, on Wednesday; December 3rd. Captain Sir Harold Boulton, Bart., C.V.O., C.B.E., presided, and the meeting was well attended.

The following telegram was received from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, who is the Patron of the Institute, in response to a message of congratulation from the Council:—

"Please convey to Council Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses my sincere thanks for kind Birthday Congratulations which I much appreciate.

"ALEXANDRA."

A scheme for the reconstruction of the Council and Committees of the Institute was approved to take effect from February, 1920, when the new Council will be appointed. The many developments of Public Health Work in which the Institute necessarily takes a large share, have so increased the work that it is felt that some re-organisation of the arrangements at Headquarters would be advantageous. The arrangements for the election of representatives of the affiliated Associations on the Council are now in progress and it is hoped that a Council may be nominated in every way representative of the different parts of the country.

Affiliation has been granted to 29 Associations since the last meeting of the Council, and 75 nurses have been enrolled as Queen's Nurses.

The financial position is not so satisfactory, as on the estimates of income and expenditure submitted at the meeting there is a deficit of nearly £5,500. Any retrenchment would, however, seriously cripple the work which is doing so much for the health of the nation, and the Council decided to sanction the expenditure in the hope that the necessary support would be forthcoming.

Long Service badges were awarded to 15 Queen's Superintendents and Nurses who have completed twenty-one years' service with the Institute.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Sarah E. Morris is appointed to Lincs. C.N.A., Kesteven and Holland Division as Co. Superintendent. Miss Kate E. G. Taylor is appointed to Lincs. C.N.A., Lindsey Division, as Co. Superintendent; Miss Maud H. Weale is appointed to Northants. as Co. Superintendent; Miss Elizabeth Jeffries is appointed to Watford as Assistant Ward Matron; Miss Polly Starford is appointed to Barrow-in-Furness as Senior Nurse; Miss Jessie C. Bath is appointed to Sonning and Woodley; Miss Lellen Butler is appointed to Paddock Wood; Miss Mabel E. Gould is appointed to Burnham; Miss Lilian E. Hodges is appointed to Babraham; Miss Margaret H. Klamborowski is appointed to Bransgore and Sopley; Miss Helen Strudwick is appointed to Waltham Cross, Cheshunt and Goff's Oak.

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