

and Edith Whitlam. Aust. A.N.S.: Sisters Evelyn Hutt and Elma Linklater.

#### The Military Medal.

Sisters Beatrice McNair and Lottie Urquhart, Can. A.N.S.

The King held an Investiture in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace, on Saturday, June 28th, and conferred amongst others, the following decorations:—

#### The Royal Red Cross.

##### FIRST CLASS.

*Australian Army Nursing Service.*—Matron Christense Sorenson and Sisters Eleanor Jeffries and Constance Keys.

##### SECOND CLASS.

*T.F.N.S.*: Sister Helen Crawford. *B.R.C.S.*: Matrons Grace Morgan and Constance Winterbottom. *V.A.D.*: Miss Stella Caulfield. *Can. A.N.S.*: Sister Alice Kennedy. *Aust. A.N.S.*: Sisters Ellen Bennett-Brown, Jean Brydon, Ethel Dement, Effie Garden, Clarice Green, Nano Nagle and Valerie Wolnarski. *E. African N.S.*: Matron Violet Sharp.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the military nursing services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

#### "I MUST GET TO MY WORK."

The *American Journal of Nursing* pays well deserved homage to the late Miss Jane A. Delano, and gives a full report of the National Memorial Day appointed by the American Red Cross to do her honour throughout the country by appropriate services. Nurses in uniform and in civilian dress gathered in thousands to pay tribute to the nurse, who at the time of her death at Savenay, in France, was the most notable American woman of the war.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded the late Miss Delano by the Secretary of State for War, and as there were no relations to receive it, it was accepted for the Red Cross. Every member of her profession rejoices that such unusual and far-reaching service as she was privileged to perform was given this recognition. The last words of this great patriot were: "But what about my work? I must get to my work."

It is hoped to remove her body home for final burial in the lovely military burial ground at Arlington—once the home of the Lees—where rest the gathered remains of the soldiers of the Civil War.

At the annual meeting of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses it was reported that the number of policies issued during the year was 603, producing in annual premiums £5,461 12s., and in single premiums £9,013 16s. 2d. Two hundred and two nurses became annuitants, bringing the total number of nurses drawing annuities on December 31st to 2,550, receiving at the rate of over £67,000 a year.

## NURSING ECHOES.

An enterprising firm of publishers is contemplating the issue of a series of "Reformation" pamphlets, on what they term the heroic struggles of sections of workers from "slum and slime to sun and shine."

The firm has made Mrs. Bedford Fenwick a very tempting offer for "The History of the Nurses' Thirty Years' War for Status." The struggle of trained nurses in this country for legal status and a degree of self-government, is considered one of the most forceful lessons of the danger of unrestricted control of women's work, and incidentally irrefutable proof of the urgent need of State supervision of all institutions where women employees are segregated for the care of the sick.

In this connection conferences are being held to consider methods of protection for trained nurses from the claims of hospital governors and Poor Law Guardians (as personified by Mr. Leonard Lyle, M.P.) to interfere with their professional freedom of action by placing them under the jurisdiction of hospital officials, who in their turn, as salaried officials, are not independent persons so far as hospital committees are concerned. The organised nurses are determined not to be degraded into a serf caste as the nurses are who sign the present contract with the College of Nursing, Ltd.

During his recent visit to Wales the Prince of Wales presented Miss Lily Gregory, a Welsh V.A.D., with the Special Service Badge for devotion to duty under fire.

While working at a military hospital in France, Miss Gregory had been bombed on eighteen occasions. She has already won the Military Medal.

The question of war gratuities for nurses, temporarily employed by Boards of Guardians during the war in the care of sick and wounded soldiers, has been referred to the Local Government Board.

A National Association of Italian Nurses has been started in Rome, of which Her Majesty Queen Elena is Patron. So far Italian nurses have not come much into touch with the International Council of Nurses—as they were not organised. We wish the new Association every success, and hope at the next meeting of our great International our Italian Sisters will take an active part. It has

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