

pitals, infirmaries and hospitals controlled by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. This questionnaire has been termed by a section of the Nursing Press as *inquisitorial in character*, and to a certain extent that is true!

"Of the original number of questionnaires sent out, a third have been received back fully completed, which is a very remarkable amount, as the answering of each questionnaire entailed a large amount of work on the part of the Matron of each hospital to whom the questionnaire was addressed, and the Matrons of hospitals are by no means a leisured class. The Special Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Matrons for the magnificent way in which the so-called 'inquisitorial' questionnaire was answered.

"The information obtained from the returned questionnaires has been remarkable. When the need of an enquiry was suggested at the Preliminary Conference called by the National Council of Women on February 18th, 1919, there was a general feeling that all was not well in the hospital world, and that such a feeling was justified will, I think, be amply proved by the evidence that will be published in the report."

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY FOR WAR WORKERS.

The King and Queen have announced their intention of inviting to an afternoon party at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, July 25, representatives of the various organizations which have rendered such conspicuous service during the war.

Invitations to this party have already been allotted and forwarded to the various headquarters of war workers' organizations.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

At the Investiture held by the King at Buckingham Palace on July 17th, the following ladies were decorated:—

The Royal Red Cross. SECOND CLASS.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Louise, Mrs. Scott-Bamford, Miss Mabel Capper, and Florence, Mrs. Spratt.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Elizabeth White.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Members of the Military Nursing Services who had been awarded the Royal Red Cross.

WAR MEDALS.

The Committee on War Medals has issued its report. A Victory Medal is to be issued by all the Allies for all those who entered a theatre of war. There is also to be a British war medal on the same qualification.

BRITISH WAR MEDAL. CONDITIONS OF AWARD.

An Army Order has been published describing the conditions of award of the British war medal, 1914-1919, which the King has granted "to record the bringing of the war to a successful conclusion, and the arduous services rendered by his Majesty's forces."

The medal in silver will be granted to the following classes who either entered a theatre of war on duty, or who left their places of residence and rendered approved service over seas, other than the waters dividing the different parts of the United Kingdom, between August 5, 1914, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive:—

(a) Officers, warrant officers, attested non-commissioned officers and men of the British Dominion, Colonial, and Indian military forces.

(b) Members of women formations who have been enrolled under a direct contract of service for service with his Majesty's Imperial Forces.

(c) All who served on staffs of military hospitals and all members of recognized organizations who actually handled sick and wounded.

(d) Members of duly recognized or authorized organizations.

(e) Enrolled and attested followers on the establishment of units of the Indian Army.

The medal in bronze will be granted to all British subjects who were enrolled in native labour corps units and who served in theatres of war.

The riband will be: Centre orange, watered, with stripes of white and black on each side and with borders of royal blue.

Instructions as to the submission of claims and the disposal of the medals will be issued in due course.

THE VICTORY MEDAL.

We are pleased to note that members of women's formations, such as the French Flag Nursing Corps, the Scottish Women's Hospitals, &c., are presumably eligible for the Victory Medal of the Allies, as the first-class work performed for sick and wounded by these volunteers has so far been excluded by our War Office from the recognition it deserves.

ENSEIGNES DE SERVICE.

Many French Flag Nursing Sisters have recently received the "Enseignes de Service" with Citations, from the French War Office, in recognition of their long and faithful service. A notification of this honour awaits Miss Lilian Grier Graham, whose present address is unknown, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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