

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace on July 26th, when the following ladies were decorated:—

The Royal Red Cross.

FIRST CLASS.

Sister Alice Walpole, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Sister Jessica, Freshfield, British Red Cross Society, and Matron Rachael Fogarty, South African Military Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister Mabel Kirkpatrick.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Jose Walker.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Alice Messum and Miss Elizabeth Urquhart.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Dorothy Greig, Miss Helen Harrison, Miss Isabel Montford, Miss Nessie Warner, Miss Gertrude Whitehurst, and Miss Violet Wotton.

The Military Medal.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Margaret Davidson, and Miss Katharine Fabling.

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

FOR WAR SERVICES.

In the House of Commons last week Mr. Churchill said that the claim of Medical Officers and Nurses serving on hospital ships to the Victory Medal had not been overlooked.

It is announced in a *Gazette* that the following are among the medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the medals in question:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Medaille des Epidemies en Vermeil.

Matron C. Sorenson, Australian Army Nursing Service; Sister H. L. Carpenter, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Res.); Matron B. A. Campbell, Australian Army Service; Sister M. M. L. Johns, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Res.).

Medaille des Epidemies en Argent.

Sister E. Nichol, T.F. Nursing Service; Nurse E. Simpson-Shewan, Staff, T.F. Nursing Service; Sister J. Sibley, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Res.); Sister K. E. Stacey, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Res.).

HONOURS FOR V.A.D.

MILITARY MEDAL.

The King has approved the award of the Military Medal to Miss S. A. Valentine, V.A.D. The medal is awarded for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on October 10th and 14th, 1918, tending wounded

under heavy fire on ship and shore while attached to the hospital river steamer *Vologjanin*. On several occasions her conduct under fire had a marked effect on the morale of jaded troops.

THE ORDER OF LEOPOLD.

On the occasion of the National Fetes in Belgium, the official *Moniteur* publishes a list of appointments to the Order of Leopold. Amongst the names are those of Miss Cavell and Mr. Brand Whitlock, the United States Minister to Belgium, upon whom is conferred the Civic Cross of the First Class, 1914-1918, for acts of notable courage and devotion to humanity.

WAR WORKERS GUESTS OF KING AND QUEEN.

When it was known that their Majesties intended to entertain War Workers at a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Friday, July 25th, naturally the whole world and his wife wanted to be there, and those fortunate enough to receive invitations flocked to the Palace in very good time. It certainly was a very great occasion—quite unconventional, and immensely amusing. Seated on the lawn one had a fine opportunity of inspecting the innumerable types of war workers, and their wonderful uniforms, as nearly every woman present wore one, or badges of service. There was a sprinkling of "pearl ladies," but on this occasion they did not appear to count! The blue and scarlet uniforms of the Royal Naval Sisters, the red capes of Imperial Nursing Sisters and the red and grey of the Territorials of course took precedence, after which many neat nursing uniforms were to be seen. As for the Red Cross, it was ubiquitous, the Commandants proud as Red Cardinals, and preening as these fine birds are apt to do; military probationers distinctly labelled, and thousands of V.A.D.'s of all ages.

Boy Scouts lined the processional path, and when the Royal Party appeared—the King in Field Marshal's uniform, the Queen looking very royal and stately in Nattier blue brocade, and a very becoming blue and silver toque, followed by Princess Mary in V.A.D. uniform, the Prince of Wales, most modest and popular of Princes, in his uniform as a Colonel of the Welsh Guards, and many other royalties and court officials—it was all the Scouts could do to keep the pathway for the progress of the royal party. Loyalty, patriotism and curiosity were determined to have a good square stare at all and sundry, and everyone quite unabashed tip-toed, peeped, or mounted on chairs, and should know every royalty present if met again in Timbuctoo. "Queenie" was the lode star, and much she must have enjoyed the evident delight of the motley crowd in its open admiration of her gracious and regal presence. There were many presentations, lovely music, a delicious tea, and many uplifted hearts. We all came away as happy as happy could be.

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