

THE NURSING PAGEANT.

In these days, when everything is so costly, the presentation of the Nursing Pageant means a much greater expenditure than in 1911. Nevertheless, it appears to us a psychological moment to present it, for various reasons. (1) Because even yet many nurses do not realise that the Acts of Parliament have constituted them into an honourable profession, and that it is therefore a great occasion for rejoicing and gratitude. (2) Because for two and a half years trained nurses have, through the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., been held up daily in leading organs in the press—and in the employers' commercial nurses' papers—in *forma pauperis*, and, with the exception of this Journal, their protests have been ignored. Nothing could have been more injurious to the *amour propre* of the Nursing Profession than these unjustifiable methods of appeal—or depreciated their work and status more deplorably in the opinion of the public generally. No wonder the Nursing Profession is the only profession which does not qualify for membership of the Lyceum Club!

This beautiful Pageant, showing the evolution of trained Nursing—from ancient times until this day—proves how noble and honourable has been our work through the ages, and will, we feel sure, be as balm to the wounded spirit of self-respecting nurses when they take part in it, and prove to the public not only their value in raising the standard of national health, but the respect and devotion in which they hold their fine vocation.

Alas! no doubt many of our friends at a distance will be unable to be present at the Pageant on April 15th, but that is no reason why they should not help to make it a success. To those who sympathise with this effort to show "Our Nurses" as they are—working women well worthy of respect (not as the downtrodden, semi-trained, cadging drudges held up for shilling doles by the *Daily Telegraph*)—we appeal for support. We shall be pleased to receive and acknowledge subscriptions from our readers if sent to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, for the purpose of the Pageant expenses. Should the sale of tickets leave a surplus it is to be handed to Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the Patroness of the Pageant, for the "Nurses' Own Club," which is being organised by the Royal British Nurses' Association, and in the success of which Her Royal Highness takes a deep interest.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

CONFERRED BY THE KING.

The King conferred decorations as follows at Buckingham Palace, on February 25th:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss Annice Gray, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Mary Mrs. Helm, Miss Edith Mason, Miss Florence Parsons, Miss Eliza Thomas, Miss Amy Waterman, and Miss Margaret Wolsey.

Territorial Force Nursing Reserve.—Miss Mary Bunting, Miss Annie Knox, Miss Ann Smith, and Miss Boone Turner.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Beatrice Short.

Civil and War Hospitals.—Miss Bertha Collins, Mary Mrs. Noel-Jones, Miss Sarah Williamson, and Miss Margaret Woodward.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Faith Allen, Miss Edith Macarthy, Ethel Mrs. Ramsbotham, and Annie Mrs. Thomas.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Members of the Military and Civil Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, 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.

At an Investiture, on February 27th, at Buckingham Palace, the following decorations were conferred by the King:—

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Edith McCall-Anderson.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss Janey Gray (Territorial Force Nursing Service) and Miss Kate Worger (Territorial Force Nursing Service).

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Mary Humphrey-Jones.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Jessie Blyth, Miss Jessie Cumming, Miss Adelaide Eves, Miss Jessie Hoskins, Miss Anne Lee and Miss Dorothy Taylor.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Maude Gibson, Miss Theresa Hayes, Miss Marion Hearn, Miss Maud Hall-Houghton, Miss Rowena Lush, Miss Agnes Watson and Miss Sarah Youngman.

British Red Cross Society.—Mrs. Mabel Whyte, Mrs. Cecilia Williamson and Miss Jessie Wilson.

Civil and War Hospitals.—Miss Sybil Grey and Miss Kate Haywood.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Mrs. Julia Warde-Aldam, Miss Winifred Clark, The Viscountess Ednam, Miss Hilda Lyster, Miss Dorothy Taylor and Miss Marjorie Williams.

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Many friends will learn with pleasure that the Bar to the Royal Red Cross has been awarded to Miss E. A. Montgomery Wilson, R.R.C., Matron of King Edward VII's Hospital, Cardiff; and Principal Matron, Third Western Territorial Hospital, T.F.N.S.

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