

ferred specially to the work of Miss Marsters at the head of a tube station during the raids. There were far too few thanks for those who deserved them.

Dr. Akindor, Paddington, seconded the resolution, which was carried by loud acclamation, and Miss Marsters briefly responded. She spoke of the pleasure of having at the meeting, for the first time, many of those among whom they worked, and of the efforts they made to support the Association, not only by unsolicited donations from sixpence to a pound, which had resulted in £150 being received during the year from this source, but both patients and their friends helped enormously in preparing for the visits of the nurses. Without such assistance the nurses could not visit so many cases. Eight nurses on the staff paid 600 to 700 visits a week in the homes of the patients, not counting others engaged in minor ailment treatment centres and other work.

At the conclusion of the meeting tea was served by the nursing staff in a manner which was an object lesson in their efficiency. A collection taken at the door amounted to between £3 and £4.

TO PRIVATE NURSES.

It is being urged by some Nurses' Organizations that Nurses should be included in the Hours of Employment Bill (No. 2), which will be considered after Easter, and that the hours of Private Nurses shall be restricted to eight daily. As the majority of Private Nurses we have consulted are opposed to inclusion in the Bill, their reasons being (1) that it is impracticable, (2) it would deprive them of work, and (3) it would prevent them caring for their patients efficiently, we shall be obliged if Private Nurses will send a post card, addressed to the Editor, *B.J.N.*, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, expressing their opinion on the question, which is of vital interest to them. State whether in favour or not, of inclusion in the Bill, and give reasons. A few words will suffice and card must be signed and address given.

AN INFORMAL INVESTITURE.

The King gave great pleasure when he visited Manchester last Saturday, in the course of his visit to the Grangethorpe Military Hospital, by decorating four members of the nursing staff with the Royal Red Cross.

His Majesty was received at the hospital by Dr. C. A. Lees (Medical Superintendent) and Miss A. Woodhouse (Matron), and after visiting the wards, and the curative workshops, held an

informal investiture in front of the hospital, and decorated Sister Hooper, Staff Nurse Sheila and Staff Nurse Diorden for service abroad, and Sister E. Salisbury for home service, with the Royal Red Cross (second class).

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace on March 24th, when the following ladies were decorated with the Royal Red Cross.

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Clara Chadwick, Miss Lavinia Steen, and Miss Sarah Wilshaw.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Mary Clements, and Miss Annie Plimsaul.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Mrs. Charlotte Graven, Miss Elsie Gascoigne, and Miss Henrietta Walde.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Margaret Cummins and Miss Jane Hannah.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Gertrude Montgomery.

British Red Cross Society.—Miss Martha Whent.

Civil Hospital Reserve.—Miss Annie Duncan.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Margaret Baxter, Miss Mabel Gregson, Miss Isabella Ingles, Miss Lucy Kelly, Miss Mary Lavie, Miss Anne Macandrew, Miss Lizzie May, Miss Clare Morrin, Miss Isabella Patrick, Mrs. Helen Penney, Mrs. Louisa Price, Mrs. Bertha Priestley, Miss Bessie Taylor, Miss Gwendoline Thomas, Miss Helena Tompkins, Miss Kate Wallbank, and Miss Emily Williamson.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Margaret Johnston, Miss Ethel Midgley, Miss Mary Paul, and Miss Edith Smeeton.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Muriel Cox, Miss Sarah Jubb, Mrs. Mary Mundy, Miss Ethel Skerratt, and Miss Grace Walford.

British Red Cross Society.—Miss Marion Pidcock-Henzel, Mrs. Cora Mayne, Miss Jessie Millar, Mrs. Una Dawson-Pattison, Miss Evelyn Pinkerton, Mrs. Alice Scott, Miss Gertrude Sutton, Miss Mary Wilson, and Miss Florence Wren.

St. John Ambulance Association.—Miss Mary Peter.

Civil and War Hospitals.—Miss Anne Carr, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Eliza Myers, Mrs. Bertha Parry, Miss Winifred Taylor, and Miss Madge Williams.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Dorothy Jobson, Miss Annie Kearney, Mrs. Zoe Longdon, Miss Lornetta Roskill, Mrs. Gertrude Ross, Mrs. Marion Saddler, the Hon. Mrs. Eva John Trefusis, Miss Myrtle Wigram, and Miss Violet Wigram.

The King also held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on March 25th, when he conferred the following decorations.

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Amy Knaggs, *Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Cecilia Harries and Miss Katherine Bulman.

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