

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King has given orders for the following honours and awards for war services:—

ROYAL RED CROSS.

ARMY OF THE BLACK SEA.

BAR TO THE R.R.C.

Miss I. M. Turner, R.R.C., Assistant-Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Miss E. V. Boulton, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss C. T. Cassidy, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss F. G. Hobbs, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss L. E. Leigh, Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.; Miss L. Lister, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss C. M. Paterson, Sister, T.F.N.S.

BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT.

ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss A. I. Sayer, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Miss I. M. Reynolds, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss A. Taylor, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

MESOPOTAMIA.

BAR TO THE R.R.C.

Miss A. L. Earle, R.R.C., Matron, T.F.N.S.

ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss E. C. E. Lindsay, A.R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Miss B. Brown, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss B. Crowley, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss M. Hearn, T.-Nurse, attd. Q.A.M.N.S. for India; Miss H. M. Leonard, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss E. A. Muncaster, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss A. B. Ross, T.-Nurse, attd. Q.A.M.N.S. for India.

FOR GALLANTRY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

The King has been graciously pleased to award the Royal Red Cross, 1st Class, to the following lady in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty:—

Miss Minnie Byrne, Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.—For gallantry and devotion to duty at the 2nd Northern General Hospital, Leeds, on January 1st, 1920, when through an unforeseen cause a patient's bed was set on fire. With great presence of mind Staff Nurse Byrne endeavoured to smother the flames, and whilst so doing her own clothing was set on fire. She succeeded, nevertheless, in moving her patient to another bed, suffering extensive burns herself meanwhile.

We are glad to see the recognition by His Majesty of this nurse's heroic conduct.

CIVILIAN WAR HONOURS.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The King has been pleased to give orders for some six thousand promotions and appointments to the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services in connection with the war, to be dated January 1st, 1920. It is to be regretted that clamour has already arisen from some of those who have been omitted from this stupendous list. We are of those who consider that this thirst for recognition for serving in the war is far from admirable, and whose experience is that many of those who served most faithfully have received no recognition, and desire none; whilst pushers, advertisers and those with friends in high places have been honoured far

beyond their deserts. The Nursing Profession have shared the Royal Red Cross with thousands of such people, and but few have been recognised by the Order of the British Empire. Amongst those few, we congratulate:—

COMMANDERS (C.B.E.).

Fletcher, Miss Nora Kathleen, R.R.C., Principal Matron, British Red Cross, France.

OFFICERS (O.B.E.).

Cole, Miss Laura Edith, Matron, Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester.

Campbell-Thomson, Mrs. Constance Emily Temple, H.R.H. Princess Beatrice's St. Marylebone War Hospital Supply Depot.

Wakeling, Mrs. Elizabeth, A.R.R.C., Matron in the Home Service Department, Headquarters Staff, British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John.

Watkins, Miss Jane Gertrude, Matron, Anglo-American Hospital, Cairo.

Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Bastable, Miss Edith Cavell's assistant in Brussels.

PRIVATE NURSING.

Private Nursing is a distinct branch of the Nursing Service, with many advantages and some disadvantages to the trained Nurse. It appeals to the girl of versatility and independent mind, and is more remunerative usually than Institution work. The private nurse finds ample scope, not only for her abilities, but also for her enterprise, and the woman of greatest adaptability and tact is usually the most successful private nurse. Her greatest disadvantage is that she "lives in her boxes." She passes, at longer or shorter intervals, from place to place, meeting with people of different types, forging the while success or failure. If she is sympathetic and patient, trying always to see life from the view-point of her fellows, rather than her own, she will pilot her way smoothly enough. If, however, she is exacting and dominating, her work, no matter how skilful, will fail in its objective. Private nursing is an enviable sphere professionally, because the nurse is responsible only to one authority, *i.e.*, the physician or surgeon who always accords to her the loyal co-operation which her work merits. It is an honour and a privilege to work, not for, but with, the best physicians of our day.

Sometimes the domestic conditions in the various homes are trying, especially during and since the war; but keeping in mind the comfort and happiness of the patient helps to smooth a difficult atmosphere, and remembering, too, that our mission is to serve rather than be served. We never lose either in dignity or professional prestige by oiling the wheels of the domestic coach with extra kindnesses. The members of the household regard nurse as their Angel of Mercy, and not untruly, and her ministry, if it is selfless, is blest alike to patient and relatives. Nor is this ministry without benefit to the nurse herself. Its reflex influence upon her own character cannot be forgotten. Living and working for others widens one's horizon and enables one to assess the

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