

## THE KING ADMIRES THE UNIFORM.

Noticeable among the recipients of the Royal Red Cross at the Investiture at Buckingham Palace, on December 2nd, were Miss Cruickshank, Matron-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service; and Miss Christine Cameron, a Matron in the same service.

His Majesty was quick to notice the uniform, which he remarked was "a new uniform and a very neat one." The way in which he shook hands with all the recipients of honours, with a kindly word for each, throughout a ceremony lasting for about an hour-and-a-half, was greatly appreciated.

Miss Christine Cameron, whose portrait appears on this page and who is now Matron of the R.A.F. Hospital at Halton Camp, Bucks., is wearing the ribbons of the Royal Red Cross, the 1914 (Mons) Star, the Allies Medal, and the Victory Medal. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and afterwards had a year's experience of private nursing in connection with the Kent Nursing Institution; and a year's infectious work at the Isolation Hospital, Bletchingley; after which she worked for five years on the staff of Princess Christian's Trained Nurses' Home at Windsor. In 1909 she joined the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, W., on which she did good work until called up for duty in connection with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, in August, 1914. She worked in various military hospitals in France, until 1918, when she was invalided home; and later joined the Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

This Service has now moved from Savoy Chambers, in the Strand, and Miss Cruickshank and her department are installed at the headquarters of the R.A.F. at Empire House, Kings-

way. The Service, which is the newest of the Nursing Services of the Crown, is also the most up-to-date for it is the only one on which relative Rank has been bestowed. The more conservative Services will, no doubt, follow—in time.

## THE PROTECTION OF NURSES' UNIFORM.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Ipswich Nurses' Home, on "The Training of the Nurse," Dr Corfield remarked, "It is a great pity that any girl can wear a nurse's uniform. Too many nursery maids go about dressed up as hospital nurses. I don't see why the nurse's uniform should not be protected in the same way as other uniforms are protected. Its indiscriminate use lowers the dignity of the profession, and to some extent deprives it of the respect to which its services entitle it." We agree. But Dr. Corfield has apparently overlooked the subsection 3 (1) (g) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, which places upon the General Nursing Council the duty of making provision with respect to the uniform or badge which may be worn by registered nurses.



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MISS CHRISTINE CAMERON, R.R.C.

The annual "At Home" and Show of Work of the Nurses' Co-operation Needlework Guild was held at the Howard de Walden Club, 35, Langham Street, W., on Friday, December 3rd, when 400 garments were exhibited and admired. Over 300 were sent in, and subscriptions amounted to £20, so that the Committee were able to purchase a number of warm and useful garments. These were subsequently sent to a number of hospitals and poor districts, including the City of London Lying-in Hospital, the Clapham Maternity Hospital, the East End Mothers' Home, the Metropolitan Hospital, the Middlesex Hospital the Prince of Wales' Hospital (Tottenham), and Nazareth House.

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