

THE QUEEN AND THE TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE,

The Principal Matrons of the T.A.N.S., past and present had the honour of being received at Buckingham Palace by Her Majesty the Queen, their President, on Thursday, July 15th, when the Queen presented the serving Principal Matrons with their new silver-gilt badges.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Hugh Jeurwine (Director-General Territorial Army), Major-Gen. Sir Matthew Fell (Director General, Army Medical Services), the Dowager Countess of Minto (Vice-President), Dame Maud McCarthy (acting for Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, Matron-in-Chief, T.A.N.S.), Miss Haldane and Lady Amptill were present, and the ladies and gentlemen of Her Majesty's Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The following retired Principal Matrons who served throughout the War had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty, who herself wore the badge of the Service:—Miss Baillie, Miss Barton, Miss Ray, Miss Watt, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Alcock, Miss Bird, Miss Crookenden, Miss Lloyd Still and Miss Finch.

The following serving Principal Matrons, T.A.N.S., were presented to the Queen and received their badges from Her Majesty:—Miss McIntosh, Miss Darbyshire, Miss Cockrell, Miss Hogg, Miss Bailey, Miss MacManus, Miss Sparks, Miss Smale, Miss Keen, Miss Moggach, Miss Williams, Miss Purves, Miss Sparshott, Miss Davies, Miss Brown, Miss Innes, Miss Smeeton, Miss Shephard, Miss Vincent, Miss Miller, Miss Gregory Smith, and Miss Williamson.

It is interesting to note that the above ladies, who are also Matrons of our leading Training Schools, have been instrumental in enrolling over 4,000 nurses of all ranks who have undertaken to serve their Country in time of any national emergency.

The following were unavoidably prevented from obeying Her Majesty's Command:—Dame Anne Beadsmore-Smith (Matron-in-Chief), who has recently returned from South Africa, but unfortunately was incapacitated by an attack of acute laryngitis; Sir Cyriac Skinner (Deputy Director Territorial Army), Dame Sidney Browne, Miss Edmondson, Miss Gill, Miss Melrose, and Miss Montgomery Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE BADGES BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN TO SUPERINTENDENTS AND NURSES OF Q.V.J.I.

On July 14th the Queen visited the Headquarters of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and honoured a number of Superintendents and Nurses by presenting to them Long Service Badges.

Her Majesty was received in the entrance hall by the Duke of Portland (President of the Queen's Fund) and Sir Harold Boulton (Chairman of the Council). A Guard of Honour of Queen's Nurses was drawn up and Her Majesty was presented with a bunch of pale pink roses, tied with the Jubilee ribbon, by Miss Worrall who was chosen by ballot for this honour.

The Honorary Officers were then presented to Her Majesty by Sir Harold Boulton together with Miss

Peterkin (General Superintendent), Miss Lowe (Secretary), and other members of the Council and officials of the Institute.

The Duke of Portland welcomed the Queen on behalf of the Council. He said that everyone connected with the Institute deemed it a very great and special honour that Her Majesty had come there to present badges to the nurses who had so zealously, so ably, so kindly, and for so long a time, worked in aid of the sick and suffering. It would encourage them in their efforts, and they would strive to be worthy of her approbation. They regarded the Queen's presence as a mark of the great interest which she took in the work of the Queen's Nurses.

The Queen then presented Long Service Badges to the following Queen's Superintendents and Nurses, who had recently completed 21 years' service under the Queen's Institute.

Miss Edith Maud Morris (Queen's Superintendent, Birmingham, Summer Hill Road Home).
Miss Florence J. Williams (Queen's Superintendent, Bolton).
Miss Mary Bradbury (Queen's Superintendent, Bootle).
Miss Mary Smith (Assistant Queen's Superintendent, Sheffield).
Miss Ethel Ward Blackler (Queen's Nurse, Whitchurch, Shropshire).
Miss Hannah Emily Abbott (Queen's Nurse, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire).
Miss Sarah Bridge (Queen's Nurse, New Malden, Surrey).
Miss Amy F. Cochrane (Queen's Nurse, Walmer, Kent).
Miss Ellen Jane Davies (Queen's Nurse, Brymbo, Wales).
Miss Margaret Edgar Cochrane (Queen's Nurse, Beith, Scotland).
Miss Roberta Temple Cooper (Queen's Nurse, Kilbirnie, Scotland).
Miss Helen Leed (Queen's Nurse, Cowdenbeath, Scotland).
Miss Sophia Barnett Mackinnon (Queen's Nurse, Corstonphine, Scotland).
Miss Bathia Rennie (Queen's Nurse, Buckie, Scotland).
Miss Helen Clark Runciman (Queen's Nurse, Falkirk, Scotland).
Miss Helen Thomson (Queen's Nurse, Aboyne, Scotland).
Mrs. Martha Thomson (Queen's Nurse, Glasgow, Scotland).
Mrs. Margaret Aylward (Queen's Nurse, Grange Con., Ireland).
Miss Charlotte Baxter (Queen's Nurse, Cork, Ireland).
Miss Catherine Emma Brady (Queen's Nurse, Dooks, Ireland).
Miss Grace Hardy (Queen's Nurse, Enniscorthy, Ireland).

Miss Frances E. Buckingham (Queen's Nurse, Pleasley, Notts) and Miss Alice Doyle (Queen's Nurse, Dundalk, Ireland) were unfortunately unable to receive their badges.

Sir Harold Boulton, in thanking Her Majesty as Patron of the Institute, said they regarded their charter as only second to Magna Carta. They were grateful for Her Majesty's demonstration by that visit of her interest in the national cause of district nursing. The work of the Queen's Nurses lay in the King's Home Dominions, and they hoped that presently it would cover every corner of his kingdom, as it nearly did to-day, so that there might be a Queen's Nurse wherever there was sickness and suffering.

The Queen, before leaving, made a tour of the offices, enquiring into the details of the organisation of the Central Office itself, as well as of the work of the Queen's Nurses in their varied activities throughout the country.

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