

IN MEMORIAM.

The Chapel at Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital Millbank, was filled to its capacity on Tuesday, April 5th, when the Dowager Countess of Airlie, G.B.E., unveiled a Memorial Window declaring this act to be the glory of

God and in loving memory of the late Queen Alexandra. Then followed the dedication of the Memorial Window and also of a tablet to the memory of some Members of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service. Lady Airlie was supported by Lady Minto, Miss Hodgins, R.R.C. (Matron in Chief), Dame Ann Beadmore Smith, R.R.C., and a Guard of Honour of Members of the Service. Besides those already mentioned there were present Miss Keenan, R.R.C., Dame Ethel Becher, R.R.C., Miss Cruickshank, R.R.C., Dame Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Dame Sarah Swift, R.R.C., Dame Maud McCarthy, R.R.C., Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., Miss Musson, R.R.C., Miss Lloyd Still, R.R.C., Miss Beatrice Monk, R.R.C., Miss T. Macdonald, Miss Dowse, R.R.C., Miss Chadwick, R.R.C., Miss Garrick, R.R.C., and others.

When the short ceremony and the service were over those who had participated in it, adjourned to the Sisters' Quarters where they enjoyed delightful tea and were entertained with all the fine courtesy which we have learnt to associate with the Imperial Military Nursing Service. The Matron of Millbank could not fail to have been gratified by the appreciation expressed by her guests of her kindness and her hospitality.

Everyone agreed that it had been a great privilege indeed to have been present at the unveiling and dedication service, characterised by its reverence, its quiet dignity

and simplicity. The Memorial Window is very beautiful and is divided into upper and lower portions. On the former is a representation of the adoration of the infant Jesus and on the latter our Lord is shown preaching in the temple. Resting under the window were thick masses of parma violets and their soft tones served to enhance the colouring of the beautiful glass above them. The Memorial Chapel at Millbank is one of the loveliest possessions of a great Service, a treasure house indeed of inspiration and rapidly growing tradition, judging from the names gathering about its walls, names of those who have served with honour in the cause of civilisation. Recently some nurses, from abroad, went over the chapel and one of these remarked that although she had visited great cathedrals and churches in England, there was not one which had so impressed her as had this, by the great military hospital, this little sanctuary with its beauty, its stillness and peace. "It was perfectly wonderful," she said, "I felt as though the atmosphere of the place *just vibrated with love.*" The remark was a striking one when one remembers that the chapel stands on the site of the scaffold of the old Millbank Prison. So the "solitary place" has been made "glad" and now, where was a "wilderness" of sad memories, flowers gleam, in their star-like purity, from an altar and beneath



WINDOW IN MEMORY OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA,
at Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, unveiled by the Countess of Airlie, G.B.E.

a Memorial to Members of the Nursing Service who attained to "the greater love" at their country's Call.

The offering of the Nursing Profession organised by Dame Maud McCarthy, G.B.E., on behalf of the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra, has reached the grand total of £2,400.

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