

# RED CROSS WORK IN BRITAIN

## CONTINUED EXPANSION

The Duke of Gloucester presided at the statutory meeting of the Council of the British Red Cross Society yesterday morning.

Before the formal business of the meeting began, the Duke presented the Florence Nightingale Medal to Mrs. Maynard Linden Carter, head of the nursing section of the League of Red Cross Societies. This medal is awarded in alternate years by the International Red Cross Committee to ladies of any nationality distinguished in nursing service on the recommendation of national Red Cross Societies. Mrs. Carter, following three years' service at the Ranyard Mission in London, was mobilized during the War in the Territorial Army Nursing Service. After the War she gave her services in Czechoslovakia. In 1921 Mrs. Carter joined the League of Red Cross Societies, where since 1927 she has conducted the nursing section.

Another visitor from overseas was Mrs J. E. Good, of the South Australian Red Cross, who was also presented to the Duke. Three new members were elected to serve on the Council—Lady Granville, Lady Helen Graham, and Lady Nunburnholme.

SIR ARTHUR STANLEY, chairman of the executive committee, announced that the following had accepted the office of president of certain of the society's branches, subject to the Queen's approval of their appointment:—Mr. F. Grimble, Seychelles branch; Lady Stubbs, Ceylon Central Council branch; Dr. G. H. Peale, Southern Rhodesia Central Council branch; the Right Rev. J. L. C. Horstead, Bishop of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone Central Council branch; Lady Grant of Boath, Nairnshire branch.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Fawcus) announced that the four-yearly International Red Cross Conference would be held in London in June, 1938.

## PROVISION OF OXYGEN TENTS

The society's annual report was received and approved. This report shows continued expansion both of personnel and activity. Considerable progress has been made in the special training and organization of its membership in order to cooperate with the Government in preparation for defence against aerial warfare, and the regulations have been extended to include the enrolment of air-raid precautions reserves. The clinic for rheumatism in London is now working to its maximum capacity, and gave 154,378 treatments during 1936. The number of calls on the London blood transfusion service amounted to 5,215, another record over any previous year. In order to facilitate experiments in the relief of certain forms of disease by means of oxygen tents, the society provided 12 tents and placed these at the disposal of 12 teaching hospitals in London. The tests carried out proved of great use and the society's action encouraged the use of this valuable method of treatment.

One of the most important functions of the society is to instruct the public in matters of first aid, home nursing and hygiene, and the services of its health lecturers and other instructors are constantly in demand. The general activities of the society have been well maintained, records showing that over 30,000 accident cases were dealt with during the year and an increasing number of hospitals avail themselves of the auxiliary services of the trained members.

The PRINCESS ROYAL, Commandant-in-Chief, made a statement on the society's detachments. She reported that over 800 women members had attended the V.A.D. training camp this summer at Winchester, where various courses of instruction had been provided, and that 944 officers and members were on duty in London, in cooperation with St. John Ambulance Brigade, on Coronation Day, and dealt with 1,428 cases. The total number of certificates and proficiency badges awarded by the society for first aid in chemical warfare now amounted to 29,079. His ROYAL HIGHNESS announced that the Red Cross ball would be held at Grosvenor House on November 24.

Others present were:—

Princess Helena Victoria, Mr. A. C. Abrabams, Mr. C. H. Armitage, Mrs. Benyon, Mrs. Blount, Sir Ernest Clarke, Colonel Sir William Coates, Sir Frances Colchester-Wemyss, Major-General D. J. Collins, Lady Gwendoline Colvin, the Duchess of Devonshire, Mrs. Doyne, Colonel G. H. Edington, Colonel C. R. Evans, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Basil Hall, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ewen MacLean, Lady Mar and Kellie, Miss Martin, Dame Beryl Oliver, Mrs. Ridley, Major-General Oliver L. Robinson, Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith, Sir Edward Stewart, Colonel Sir Courtauld Thomson, Miss K. C. Watt, Mrs. Rome (Matron-in-Chief), Miss Cross (Director, Junior Section), Miss Conder (Assistant Director, Junior Section), Mrs. May (Secretary, Appeals Department), Mr. F. C. Davies (Secretary), and Mr. R. C. Murchison (Assistant Secretary).

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