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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

NEW MATRON-IN-CHIEF

The British Red Cross Society announce the appointment of Dame Joanna Margaret Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., as Matron-in-Chief of the society, an appointment rendered vacant by the death of Mrs. Rome, R.R.C.

Dame Joanna Cruickshank received her training at Guy's Hospital. She subsequently served as sister in the Lady Minto Nursing Association and later in the Queen Alexandra Indian Military Nursing Service. In October, 1918, she was appointed matron of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. In the following November she became the first matron-in-chief, and was responsible for the entire organization of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service, a position which she held until her retirement in 1930. During this period of office she was the Air Ministry representative on the Joint Voluntary Aid Detachment Council.

After her retirement she took an active interest in Red Cross activities and was for several years vice-president of the Hertfordshire branch. She is closely connected with the Invalid Children's Aid Association, as a member of the executive committee and as chairman of the Homes Administration Committee.

For her War work Dame Joanna Cruickshank was awarded the Royal Red Cross, first class, in 1919. In 1927 she became a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 1931 she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. She takes up her new appointment at once.

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