

Nurses for the Plague.

At eleven o'clock on Friday the 12th, a crowded "special" steamed out of Liverpool Street, conveying passengers and their numerous, and sometimes emotional, friends to Tilbury Docks, where the beautiful P. and O. steamer *Himalaya* calmly awaited them. Amongst the passengers bound for Bombay were the six nurses selected by the India Office from many unselfish and devoted women who had volunteered for service in India to nurse the plague. These made an interesting group, dressed as they were in the dainty grey uniform, with scarlet collar, cuffs, and buttons, the distinguishing dress of the Indian Army Nursing Sisters, and the bright faces

and white handkerchiefs fluttered in silent farewell as the unkind little tender carried fathers and mothers and loving friends further and further from the stately ship. A few hours and the *Himalaya* was out at sea carrying on board a practical expression of the deep interest and heart-felt sympathy of British nurses with those suffering in our great Eastern Empire. Personally we could but feel deep thankfulness that, amidst all the rejoicing and glamour of this great Jubilee year, at last some practical proof of sympathy with those suffering from that most terrible scourge, the plague, was being conveyed from West to East.

It will be of interest to our readers to know the names and qualifications of the six nurses selected by the India Office for service in India.—



MISS LILLIE ROBINSON.



MISS AMANDA JONES.

under the little grey bonnets were expressive of the keen and pleasurable anticipation with which the volunteers looked forward to participating in work of such national importance. On board we had the privilege of inspecting the cabins and accommodation provided for the nurses, and have no doubt that in the true pioneer spirit they will make themselves eminently comfortable and at home in their new quarters. The NURSING RECORD contributed the necessary half-dozen deck chairs as a parting gift, knowing the innumerable details that had to be attended to in the few days previous to the nurses' departure, and the discomfort resulting from the non-possession of such necessities on board ship. All too soon the bell clanged forth, the signal that the best of friends must part, and that the little bobbing tender was returning to the shore. Warm hand-shakes and hearty good-byes were exchanged, with many wishes for successful work and a safe return. To the last, smiles were mixed with tears,

Miss Amanda Jones, M.R.B.N.A., is a member of the Registered Nurses' Society. Miss Jones was trained and certificated at the Royal Free Hospital from 1889-93, when she obtained the gold medal of that Institution as the first probationer of her year. Miss Jones gained experience in obstetric nursing at the Hospital for Women, Brighton, and also holds a certificate for massage. Miss Jones has been on the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society since 1894, during which time she has gained the entire confidence of the medical men for whom she has worked, the respect of her colleagues, and the affection of her patients.

Miss Flora Coleman was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1893-97. Miss Coleman ranked second in the examination of her class, and has lately been gaining an insight into hospital housekeeping as a pupil of the Superintendent of the Home. She is a daughter of Mr. Alfred Coleman, for many years on the dental staff of St. Bar-

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