

highest regard from those with whom she came in contact. Miss Lumsden also was an active supporter of the Royal British Nurses' Association at the time of its inception, and was one of the fourteen matrons who had the honour of being named in the incorporation clause of the Royal Charter. During the time that she took an active interest in the work of the Association many nurses from the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary became members of the Association, and placed their names on the Register, and it is to be regretted that of recent years, owing no doubt to Miss Lumsden's withdrawal from active participation in the work of the Association, the Aberdeen nurses have almost, if not quite, ceased to register. The presentation of the album was made by Professor Ogston in the presence of a large assembly, and Miss Lumsden expressed her thanks in a few well chosen words.

MISS CLARA H. BOURNE, until recently matron of the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, was before leaving that institution presented by the ward sisters and nurses with a handsome solid silver salver accompanied by a letter which expressed the extreme regret felt by the nursing staff at her resignation of the post of matron which she has held for five and a half years. Miss Bourne was certificated in 1880 at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and holds also the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society. She obtained her midwifery experience at St. John's Maternity Home, Battersea, where she subsequently acted as assistant superintendent. Miss Bourne is also a member of the Matrons' Council.

MISS AGNES E. BOURNE, the late matron of Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, was presented by the Directors and Secretary with a silver hot water jug of ancient pattern, together with a letter of deep regret at her departure, and of appreciation of her four years' work as matron. She also received a beautifully bound prayer book from her nurses.

### The Foreign Hospital at Nice.

THE Victoria Ward in this hospital, which has been erected in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, is now completed, and the furniture has been given by a lady who desires to be anonymous. The cost, including that of the endowment of a free bed, has, with the exception of about £60, been entirely covered, and it is hoped that this may be received before Her Majesty's arrival at Nice. The building will be opened during the Queen's visit to the Riviera, and it is hoped that some member of the Royal family will perform the ceremony. The idea of building this commemoration ward is a happy one, and we have no doubt that many sick persons will bless the Queen-Empress, to whose unique and glorious reign the ward will be a permanent witness.

### Princess Louise and the Wounded.

SURGEON-COLONEL ROONEY has addressed a letter to some of the principal District Nursing Associations in Scotland, inquiring whether in case of any necessity for mobilizing the forces in Scotland and for home defence, these associations would be able to assist the army medical department. This request having been laid before Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, president of the Scottish branch of the Jubilee Institute, the following answer has been returned to the honorary secretary in Edinburgh:—"The Princess thinks the services of the nurses should most certainly be placed at the disposal of the sick and wounded in case of a mobilization for home defence." So that "Queen's Nurses" in Scotland, will in reality be used in case of need as the Army Nursing Reserve.

### Nurses for West Africa.

NURSES Mary Nutt, Minnie Powell, and S. Clark, of Guy's Hospital, have been selected by the Colonial Office for service in the Hinterland regions of West Africa, and leave Liverpool to-day by s.s. "Bonny" for Africa. We have no doubt that the services of the nurses will be warmly welcomed and appreciated, and perhaps in no country more than Africa is trained nursing so necessary if valuable lives are to be saved. The deadly malaria of the country, which needs the most skilful and devoted nursing, claims quite as many victims as does war.

### Death of a Crimean Nurse.

THERE died in the Bonnygate, Cupar, a few days ago, a widow who had the distinction of being the second British woman who landed at Scutari during the Crimean war. Her name was then Mrs. Fitzgerald, her husband being a private in the 33rd Foot. She was not connected with Miss Florence Nightingale's staff; but acted as barrack nurse for two years at Scutari, in which capacity she saw much surgical work. Her husband was killed at Alma, and before returning home she married another private of the same regiment named Wilson. Both Mrs. Wilson and her husband had thrilling experiences in that eventful war, and their reminiscences were graphically told. Mrs. Wilson, who was the daughter of a soldier, was born at Auchtermuchty, and married her first husband at the age of nineteen. She had only been married about a couple of years when her husband's regiment was ordered to the Crimea, and out of three hundred and sixty-four women—wives of the soldiers—she was one of twenty-four picked out to join the nursing staff. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the first keepers of the Hospital erected by the Parochial Board at Cupar in the time of the late Provost Houd. Mrs. Wilson has died at the age of sixty-eight, leaving one daughter.

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