

had been expedited by the Dutch Red Cross to Bloemfontein and Pretoria.

The *Hague Gazette* has opened a subscription on behalf of the widows and orphans of the Boers who perish on the field of battle. The Editor of the above-named journal has appealed to the President of the French League of Women for International Disarmament (*Ligue des Femmes pour le Desarmement International*) at Paris for the furthering of his aim. The President, Princess Wiszniewska, has informed the *Hague Gazette* of the fact that the Parisian Committee of the League is willing to subscribe for a hundred francs. A meeting of the Board of Management, held lately at Paris, resolved to support this subscription in all ways by sending, with this view, a circular to all the Vice-Presidents, heads of sections of the League, etc.

HOLLANDIA.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS FLORENCE HILL has been appointed Matron of the Hove Hospital for Infectious Diseases. She received her training at King's College Hospital, and subsequently had charge of wards and of the operating theatre at the Jamsetjee Hospital, Bombay. She has also held the position of Ward Sister at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

MISS ADA F. WILSHERE has been appointed Matron of the Plymouth Eye Hospital. Miss Wilshere has had ten years' experience at the Bristol Eye Hospital, where she has acted as Night Superintendent, and has also taken the Matron's duties in her absence.

MRS. ELIZABETH BUCHAN has been appointed Matron of the new Children's Shelter, Laurelbank. Mrs. Buchan was trained at the Paisley Infirmary, and for the last ten years has been Charge Nurse at the East Poorhouse Hospital, Dundee. She was selected for her new appointment out of 70 applicants.

MISS GEORGINA H. SKED has been appointed Matron of the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has until recently held the position of Assistant Matron at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.

DISTRICT NURSE.

MISS BROTHERTON, who is at present working as District Nurse under the Stockton and Thornaby Nursing Association, has been appointed District Nurse by the Walker Nursing Association, Newcastle.

The Canterbury Case.

WE notice with pleasure that the *Kentish Observer*, in referring to our remarks concerning the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, in our last issue, says:—"Whether the allegations are founded or unfounded we are not in a position to say, but it certainly behoves the Committee to take one of two courses—either to give the lie direct to the charges if there is no truth in them, or to remove the causes of the grievances if there is any ground for them." This is the only logical line. We should advise our esteemed contemporary, however, to investigate the allegations made, so that it may be in a position to have a definite opinion on the subject.

But if the attitude of mind now shown by the Rev. C. M. Amos, is shared by his colleagues on the Board of Management, we are not hopeful that the grave charges made unanimously by House Surgeons, Sisters and Nurses will receive that impartial investigation which they merit. Mr. Amos has left the levels of judicial calm, in which he should be entrenched at this crisis, and has adopted a hotly partizan attitude, as will be seen from the correspondence which we publish below, and of which, of course, we have taken no notice.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—THE COMPLAINTS BY THE NURSES.

To the Editor of the "*Kentish Observer*."

SIR,—During the past few months there has been a hidden and unchristian agitation carried on by the House Surgeons, Sisters, and Nurses in this hospital against the Board of Management and the Matron. It culminated in a letter from the House Surgeons to the Board, in which serious and grave charges were made against the Matron. She has answered them, and no reparation has yet been demanded.

An account of the above has been brought into the *NURSING RECORD* of October 14th. I draw back from quoting the scandalous and libellous charges made both against the Hospital Committee and the Matron; but as a Governor, a member of the Board of Management, and Chaplain, I have written as follows to the Editor of the *NURSING RECORD*:

Holmwood,
Ethelbert Road,
Canterbury,

October 17th, 1899.

MADAM,—In the *NURSING RECORD* of October 14th, 1899, page 316, your correspondent lays serious charges against the Board of Management and the Matron of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital; and since the said correspondent has thought fit to make such grave statements publicly, as a Governor, member of the Board of Management, and Chaplain of the Hospital, I request that you send the name and address of your correspondent to the *Kentish Observer* and the *Kentish Gazette*, either in this or next week's issue, so that it may be publicly known who has made these charges.

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