

The new Nurses' Home recently opened in connection with the Fleming Memorial Hospital for Sick Children, at Newcastle, is a beautiful building, in harmony with the fine building to which it is attached. There is accommodation for twenty bedrooms, each of which is provided with fire escape; while the first and second floors are also connected by an emergency ladder. There is on the ground floor a large dining hall and sitting rooms; and there is also an admirable service of bathrooms and lavatories. The nursing staff will find the new home ample and complete.

We seem to remember an "affaire" in relation to one Dreyfus, but the war has swept away all public interest in it; we are glad to learn, however, that the health of Captain Dreyfus is greatly improved, he now takes solid food, and his complete recovery is expected. Madame Dreyfus has our sincere congratulations.

### Retirement of Miss Wharton,

*Matron of the Royal Halifax Infirmary.*

THE Board of Management have received with much regret intimation of Miss Wharton's intention to retire, after twenty-one years' service as Matron of the Institution, she having made arrangements to take over from Mrs. Horton the Dundee Private Nursing Home, at 33, Magdalen Yard Road, Dundee.

Miss Wharton received most gratifying testimonials from the Board of Management, and from each of the members of the Hon. Medical Staff. That from the Board was signed by every member of it, the following being an extract:—

"We, the Members of the Board of Management of the Royal Halifax Infirmary, beg to say that Miss Wharton has had charge as Matron of the Infirmary during the last twenty-one years. In parting from her, we desire to express our high sense of the services she has rendered to the Institution. The years she has passed here have been eventful years, both as regards hospital management generally, and in the history of our own Infirmary. Miss Wharton has proved herself capable of meeting every demand made upon her.

"In the fulfilment of all the duties which the charge of such an Institution involves, Miss Wharton has been most efficient. She gave us invaluable help when the Infirmary was removed to its new buildings, and the whole organization of the Institution had to be remodelled.

"Her kindly manner, her tact and good judgment, as well as her practical knowledge and experience, qualify her in an eminent degree for the work she is about to undertake as Head of a Nursing Home. Miss Wharton carries away with her the best wishes of all of us who have worked with her here."

As a further mark of their appreciation of Miss Wharton's work, the members of the Boards and the Hon. Medical Staff subscribed for and presented to her a silver salver and a purse of gold. The following presentations were also made to her:—

Framed photograph of the Sisters given by them. Silver tea service and tray from the Staff Nurses and the Probationers. Silver tea spoons and tongs from the District Nurses attached to the Institution. Silver table dish from the female domestic servants, and a silver gong from the male servants.

### The "Stars and Stripes" Ship.

AN important meeting of the American Hospital Ship Committee was held at Walsingham House on Wednesday, at which the organization progressed famously, and we are delighted to learn that the Superintendent of Nursing is to be American. Miss Hibbard, Superintendent of the United States Government hospitals, who has had immense experience in the late war with Cuba, is to be chief superintendent of nurses on board the *Maine*. She, with four other nurses and ten male nurses, sails from New York, on the Atlantic transport steamship *Mesaba*, on the 11th inst. The two ambulance officers and the ten male nurses are all graduates of Mills School, Bellevue, New York. Miss Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society of the United States, and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who have given their personal attention to the selection of the nursing staff, are now, with Doctors McBurnie and Billings, naming the surgeons to work under the English chief medical officer. Mrs. Reid's own personal gift to the fund takes the form of one of the newest and most perfect ambulances ever invented.

The Committee are most anxious to express their thanks to all those English nurses who have volunteered their services to the American hospital ship. Every post on board the vessel, however, has now been filled, and it is impossible to personally thank the number of nurses who have so generously offered to give their time and work to the South African project. Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel Hensman, A.M.D., late of the 2nd Life Guards, has been appointed to the chief medical command of the *Maine*.

Captain Stone, of the American Merchant Service, who is to be in command of the steamship *Maine*, has arrived in London, and attended the meeting of the Executive Committee, at Walsingham House.

We learn that the Atlantic Transport Company have placed at the disposal of the American Fund Committee a warehouse at the West India Docks in which to store all the articles that have been given, and most generous gifts in kind are flowing in. Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., the great firm of manufacturing chemists, have given lavishly of their unapproachable wares, and Messrs. Brand and Messrs. Leibig have sent consignments of their fine invalid preparations.

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