

from America a gift of £5,000 from an anonymous donor, to be used for the service of the *Maine*. The munificent giver of this splendid donation also has promised £5,000 more if the executive committee of the fund find that it will be required.

The dinner to be held at the Carlton Hotel for the benefit of the American Hospital Ship Fund, on the evening of December 17th, is to take place at half-past eight. £5 is the price of the tickets, which are to be obtained only from Mrs. Arthur Paget, 35, Belgrave Square, S.W., or from Madame Von André, 81, Piccadilly. In addition to the presence of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, it is hoped that one or two other members of the Royal Family will honour the occasion with their presence.

The three medical men who have arrived from America to work on the *Maine* are Dr. George Eugene Dodge, Dr. Harry Heth Hodman, both of New York, and Dr. Charles Henry Weber, of Philadelphia. Both the first-named surgeons have been the head hospital assistants of Dr. McBurney at the Roosevelt Hospital, while the Army surgeon, Dr. John S. Billings, warmly recommends Dr. Weber.

There are to our ears discordant notes in all this excitement about the "blessed" (*blessés*), as a sweet old Danish lady used to call our wounded men in Athens. We cannot approve of a corps of canine collectors for this cause—surely it is playing rather low—and we could wish that the versatile brain of Miss Ellaline Terriss had not conceived the idea of dressing up the principal London actresses in the uniform of hospital nurses for the purpose of selling tickets for her military concert on December 5th. No doubt these confections will be changed so materially from the strict simplicity of tasteful uniform that the various schools will not be recognisable, so *n'importe!*

### Appointments.

#### MATRONS.

MISS JAMES has been appointed Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Halifax. She began her nursing career as a Nightingale probationer at St. Thomas' Hospital, and since completing her training has held successively the posts of Ward Sister, Sister in Charge of the Home for Paying Patients, Theatre Sister, Out-patient Sister, Matron's Assistant, and Sister Housekeeper in the same institution, so that she has had a varied experience.

MISS F. HUMPHRIES has been appointed Matron of the Corporation Hospital, Grimsby. She received her training at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, and the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road. Subsequently she joined the London Association of Nurses, in New Bond Street, and for some months past has acted as temporary Matron of the hospital to which she has now been appointed.

MISS H. A. LUCAS has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Brentford. She was trained at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, where she has also held the position of Night Sister. She has also been Nurse-in-Charge of the Halcyon Hot Springs Sanatorium, British Columbia, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

#### MISSIONARY NURSE.

MISS RHODA ROBINSON, who was trained and certificated at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and until recently held the position of Sister of the Children's Ward in that institution, has joined the staff of Bishop Corfe's Mission to Corea, and sails on Friday next in the Japanese ship *Kanagawa Maru*, to work in St. Peter's Hospital.

### Marriage Bells.

A MARRIAGE which has been arranged to take place shortly, and which is of special interest in nursing circles, is that of Miss Ada Robinson, the popular Matron of the Moorfields Ophthalmic Hospital (now removed to City Road), with Mr. Bland, the Secretary of the same institution. We take this opportunity of expressing our good wishes, and we hope that now Miss Robinson is freed from the many obligations which necessarily devolve upon the Matron of a busy hospital, that she will be able to give the profession to which she belongs the benefit of her counsel and assistance. It too often happens that, when nurses marry, they are apparently completely absorbed by the new life and their former colleagues lose touch with them. This is greatly to be regretted, as with the experience they have gained, and with time at their disposal, their services would be most valuable to the nursing profession for which, as a rule, they retain the warmest regard.

SISTER L. BETTY, of the Registered Nurses' Society, was married at Hatfield on November 18th, to Dr. Alexander Morrison, of Glendevon, South Croydon. The wedding took place from the Gate House, Hatfield, where a reception was afterwards held by Mrs. and Miss Smith. The bride received many tokens of affection and regard in the shape of handsome and useful presents, both from her friends and from her late patients.

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