

brook Cooper, Royal Infirmary, Liverpool; Miss Gash, Warneford Hospital, Leamington; Miss Rolleston, St. Bartholomew's; Miss Keene, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Miss Mustard, Northampton General Hospital; Miss Leggatt, King's College Hospital; Miss Walker, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; Miss Watkinson, St. Bartholomew's; Miss Beedie, Victoria Hospital, Burnley; Miss Johnstor, Royal Infirmary, Liverpool; Miss Lancaster, University College Hospital; Miss Pierce, Middlesex Hospital; Miss Pryde, Kensington Infirmary; Miss Higgs, Royal Hospital, Waterloo Road; Miss Cable, London Hospital; Miss Lee, London Hospital; Miss Fletcher, Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; Miss Hislop, Royal Infirmary, Dundee; Miss Tucker, Leicester Hospital; Miss Coates, London Hospital; Miss Macpherson, Cumberland Infirmary; Miss Hodge, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Miss Rooke, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; and Miss Lambert Barrie, London Hospital.

The remainder of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital staff, consisting of orderlies, ward maids, St. John's Ambulance men, &c., numbers 124 persons.

The appointment of the chaplain to the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital has received the careful attention of the committee. The Chaplain-General has informed Adeline Duchess of Bedford and Colonel Sloggett (who sought his advice on behalf of the committee) that he is prepared to recommend that an Army chaplain be attached to the Hospital as his sole work, except in cases of emergency.

Owing to the refusal of Mme. Van André to give official information concerning the nursing arrangements of this public institution to our representative, we last week expressed the opinion that the Committee of which she was a member owed it to the public, who have subscribed the funds, to at once publish the names and qualifications of the nurses selected, and we are glad to observe that, in part, this has been done.

A full list of the staff has been sent to the press, and in the Medical List we note the names and qualifications are given,—in the Nursing List the names only, but whether they hold the three year's certificate or not of their training school, is not stated. Now, until this necessary statement is made public, we shall not consider that the subscribers have all the information concerning the nursing staff, which is their due, as it has been publicly stated "that a three years' certificate of training would be required in all cases for the nurses, and still higher qualifications for the Superintendents."

In the list published, we have official information that every nurse selected does not hold a three years' certificate of training, and it would be interesting to know if a contemporary is correct in its statement, made last week, that, amongst the candidates chosen, is Miss Helen Foggo-Thomson. Her name does not appear in the official list prepared for publication.

We, therefore, give the entry standing against this lady's name from the Roll of Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, of which she is a member:—"Thomson, Helen Foggo. Children's Hospital, Birkenhead, 1882-83; Portsmouth Hospital, 1883-84; Hope Hospital, Manchester in 1884; Manchester Sick Poor and Nursing Institution, 1884-6." So that, in the year 1884, this lady changed her *locale* three times! Since the year 1886, we believe, Miss Thomson has been engaged in a variety of occupations which would not increase her experience in modern nursing, the last of which was as Secretary to Sir Henry Burdett's Nurses' Club, founded in 1897 in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but which died a natural death in a few months' time. If a mistake has been made (and it would not be the first) by Sir Henry Burdett's paper, it would be well that the Yeomanry Hospital Committee should inform their subscribers of the fact. If it is true that a lady with such inadequate experience in modern nursing has been selected, we think they owe some explanation both to their subscribers and our sick soldiers.

As the chief civilian surgeon, Mr. Fripp, is an assistant surgeon to Guy's, it is only natural that the posts of Matron Superintendent, and Night Superintendent, have been given to nurses trained at this hospital. In all, twelve Guy's nurses have been selected, so that they comprise more than one-fourth of the staff.

The Duchess of Devonshire has issued invitations to the Committee of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital Fund to witness an inspection of the hospital staff by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Devonshire House on Friday next, at three p.m.

The *British Medical Journal* remarks:—"A number of ladies—impelled by a desire to give help to the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors in Africa, and perhaps, also, may we say, by a love of excitement—have been going out to South Africa during the last few months. Some of them are trained nurses, others have some little nursing experience, others, again, none at all. It would, perhaps, have been better had they stopped to reflect, before buying their 'uniforms' and booking their passages, whether it was likely to be possible to make use of their services in the military hospitals in South Africa." This journal infers that these untrained women have not been employed in any way by the military authorities. A letter from "an officer's wife," in another column, states that some at least of these masqueraders have been permitted to annoy the officers.

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