

The following nurses have been selected for service in South Africa, and leave England to-day, Saturday:—Superintendent Miss S. E. Webb, R.R.C., of the Army Nursing Reserve; and Nursing Sisters E. McC. Anderson, G. Beesley, J. M. Clay, E. A. Deacon, E. G. Eastmead, E. M. Edwards, A. M. Ferguson, R. Griffiths, E. M. B. Hall, M. Hilson, B. M. Hoare, M. N. Jephson, B. J. Jones, E. M. Pethick, S. F. Pollard, E. J. Stonehouse, N. C. P. Tabeteau, M. E. Tippetts, A. M. Winder—of the Army Nursing Service Reserve.

WE have been much charmed by the words and music of the following War Hymn, the words by Mrs. Baillie Reynolds, and the music by Mr. Hugh Peyton. It is so full of delightful sympathy, our readers will be pleased to know that they can obtain copies from the publisher, G. Tamblin, 116, Ladbroke Grove, W., at 1d., or 12 for 6d. The proceeds from the sale of this Hymn will be devoted to the War Fund. It will interest nurses to know that Mrs. Reynolds is a sister of the late still deeply regretted Daisy Robins, who spent the last years of her short life in working so devotedly for all that could tend to elevate our work, and who counted so many dear friends amongst us.

HYMN FOR THE WAR.

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Lord, a nation, humbly kneeling,
For her soldiers cries to Thee,—
Strong in Faith and Hope appealing
That triumphant they may be!
 Waking, sleeping,
 'Neath Thy Keeping
Lead our troops to Victory!
Of our sins we make confession
Wealth, and arrogance and pride,—
But our hosts, against oppression,
March with freedom's flowing tide!
 FATHER, speed them,
 Help them—lead them
GOD of armies be their Guide!
Man of Sorrows, Thou hast sounded
Every depth of human grief;
By Thy Wounds, O heal our wounded,
Give the fever's fire relief!
 Hear us crying
 For our dying
Of Consolers be Thou chief!
Take the souls that died for duty
In thy tender, Pierced Hand,
Crown the faulty lives with beauty
Offered for their Fatherland,—
 All-forgiving
 With the living
May they in Thy Kingdom stand.
And, if Victory should crown us,
May we take it as from Thee!
As Thy Nation deign to own us,
Merciful and strong and free.
 Endless praising
 To Thee raising
Ever Thine may England be! *Amen.*
 GERTRUDE M. REYNOLDS.

Australian Nurses for South Africa.

ONE of the most encouraging features of the Australian hospital system is the large number of efficiently-trained nurses employed in connection with the same, especially in New South Wales, where, despite over a hundred years of settlement, the natural resources of the country are by no means developed, and many men are at work far away from the home comforts of everyday life, and from home attendance in case of sickness or injury. Hospitals have become absolutely essential under the conditions of life in the country districts of the colony, and they are accordingly found in every important country town. At the close of the year 1898 there were 110 hospitals or infirmaries in operation or nearing completion in the colony, containing accommodation for 3,100 indoor patients, the number treated during the year being 29,604 indoor, and 57,908 outdoor. Of these institutions thirteen are in Sydney and its suburbs, and the remainder in the country. The nursing staff comprises 112 Matrons and Sub-Matrons, and 510 Sisters, nurses, probationers, and wardsmen. The regular nurses are among the most skilful of their class, and devotedly attached to the profession they have embraced. Their courage and self-denial has been repeatedly evinced during outbreaks of infectious disease, and from the moment it was known that New South Wales was prepared to send troops to the scene of war, many of the Sisters declared their willingness to accompany them, several, possessing some little means, offering to defray their own expenses. The Colonial Government could only select a few, and ultimately it was arranged that in connection with the New South Wales section of the second Australian Contingent, an Army Nursing Service Corps, consisting of fourteen members, should be formed. Ten times the number of nurses could have been obtained, but the strength of the Army Medical Corps, forming portion of the contingent, was taken into consideration. The nursing corps is under the superintendence of Miss Ellen Julia Gould, an English lady, who arrived in the colony in 1885, and has since devoted herself to hospital work. With Miss Gould is associated Miss Julia Bligh Johnston, who, during an outbreak of smallpox in Tasmania, was isolated with a number of other nurses amongst the patients. She holds the position of Senior Sister at the Sydney Hospital, and is a member of the Australian Nursing Association, in the Council of which she holds a seat. Of the remaining twelve nurses, Miss Therese Emilie Woodward, a native of Sydney, commenced her career in the Hobart Hospital, subsequently going to England and gaining experience in the London

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