

Some kind person also forwards to us the *Sphere*, drawing our attention to a picture of "Mrs. Dick Chamberlain as a Nurse at Wynberg Hospital," apparently dressed in the full official uniform of Her Majesty's Army Nursing Sisters! Surely this is carrying the nursing pose of society women too far. This last society craze is bringing army nursing into ridicule and contempt, and shows a deplorable lack of organization and discipline in this branch of the Army Service. We wonder if the Queen has given her permission to untrained civilians to wear the uniform of Her Nursing Sisters—we doubt it.

Sir William Stokes, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., writing from Pietermaritzberg, states in the *British Medical Journal* that he visited the *Maine* hospital ship, "which is under the direction of Lady Randolph Churchill," and he also remarks that:—"The medical and surgical staff with Colonel Hensman at their head, consist of forty-five persons; there were five surgeons, five Sisters, the remainder being orderlies and nurses. *The nursing staff is under the skilful direction of Lady Randolph Churchill.*"

This statement is most unfair to the trained and professional Superintendent of Nursing, Miss Hibbard, who, with four Sisters, came in our hour of need from America to superintend the nursing on the *Maine*, and we hope that as soon as the hospital ship arrives home, Lady Randolph Churchill will at once disabuse the mind of the public of the suspicion that she has assumed professional direction over the trained Superintendent of Nursing appointed to the *Maine*. We feel sure that no such lack of courtesy has been shown to Miss Hibbard, although her name and work have not once been referred to in any despatch from the front communicated to the press.

The *Maine* is now on the high seas, and is expected to reach England with 163 wounded on board, about the middle of April.

The performance which was given at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, in aid of this Hospital Ship Fund, realised 12,000 dollars.

The number of wounded and sick in the hospitals at Durban and Pietermaritzberg having rapidly increased, it has become necessary immediately to enlarge the hospital fleet available at this port for the conveyance of invalids to England. The transports *Simla* and *Orient* are accordingly to be adapted as hospital ships.

The Welsh Hospital for South Africa.

WE learn that the arrangements for the Welsh Hospital for South Africa are proceeding apace, and that it is hoped that the nursing staff may leave England on the 4th of next month, though, possibly, they may be delayed until the 7th. The Matron is Miss Marian Lloyd, who was trained at, and holds the certificate of, the Bristol General Hospital. She then did private nursing in Paris for a year, after which she held appointments at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, for two years, being successively Night Sister, Senior Sister, and Assistant Matron. She was then Matron of the Cancer Hospital, Manchester, for three and a half years, and for the last two years has held the appointment of Matron of the Bolton Infirmary, which post she relinquishes to take up her present appointment. It augurs well for the success of this hospital that Miss Lloyd has selected the nurses who are to work under her, so that they have, no doubt, been chosen for their professional qualifications, and their suitability for the work, rather than for the personal influence which they have been able to bring to bear. As we have repeatedly asserted, it is only by placing the choice of nurses in professional hands that it is possible for a satisfactory selection to be made, and we are glad that the Committee of the Welsh Hospital have adopted this wise course. There are to be ten nurses on the staff of this Hospital. Those already selected are Miss Wenona Pugh, Miss Rosa Vipond Edmonds, Miss Florence Sage, Miss Alicia Williams, Miss Jones, Miss Edith Constance Lloyd, and Miss Lewis. The Hospital is to be a station one on the lines of communication. It is hoped that eventually there will be 100 beds, but at present 75 are being sent out. The staff are to be inspected at Marlborough House on Tuesday next by the Prince of Wales, at 12 o'clock.

For Queen and Country.

THE sad news has been received from Pietermaritzberg that Nursing Sister Chown, of the Army Nursing Service Reserve, died at Chieveley on March 23rd. Sister S. C. Chown was trained at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, and held the three years certificate of this institution. To her relatives we offer our most sincere sympathy. For herself, what better end could we wish for her than to die, as all true nurses desire to die, at her post. It is an ideal end to a life of active work.

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