

SINKS AND W.C. PANS.—Sinks and W.C. Pans to be kept scrupulously clean, and free from all refuse and soil.

BED PANS.—*White Bed Pans* with white cloths for ordinary use. *Blue Bed Pans* with blue cloths for *infectious* cases.

LAMPS.—The greatest care to be taken in preparing either spirit or oil lamps, wicks to be carefully trimmed, and all spirit or oil to be carefully wiped off lamps. Nurses are asked to fully realize the danger of such, to both Patients and themselves, should any carelessness arise on their part.

MEDICINES, ETC., POISONS.—*Labels* of all bottles, jars, etc., whether poison or otherwise, to be carefully read.

Medicines always to be measured, no medicine when found in a glass to be administered on supposition; the same to be thrown away.

In the case of *Poisons* administered either by the mouth, rectum, externally, or by subcutaneous injection, the measuring or dropping of the quantity ordered, to be witnessed by a Medical Officer, a Sister, or a fellow-Nurse.

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Army Nursing Notes.

WHEN Major-General Baden-Powell, the great defender of Mafeking, addressed the garrison, after the relief of the town, he spoke to each unit separately, commencing with the nurses, whom he complimented on their pluck and devotion, shaking hands most warmly with Miss Hill, the Matron of the Hospital. Happy Miss Hill!

No doubt, by now, there are many of the Sisters who, after their arduous work during the past few months, need rest and change, and fifty Nursing Sisters left for South Africa on Saturday the 2nd inst. Amongst them were the following:—Nursing Sisters E. M. Beesby, E. Ellis, A. Ridley, E. M. Wilson, A. G. Rees, A. T. Langshaw, L. E. Snape, D. I. Richards, A. R. Callum, R. E. Tarbuck, A. M. Poulter, M. May, K. M. Carter, E. A. Scantlebury, R. D. Bowhill, A. Myring, J. K. Szezepanska, E. M. Bankes, E. L. Corser, M. Walker, A. W. Fraser, A. Murton, J. Crossbey, L. Smith, E. M. Lendon.

The following 35 Sisters are to leave on 9th June:—Nursing Sisters J. Mitchell, E. M. Woodman, E. M. Halliwell, J. Butler, L. C. M.

Noble, M. Goldsmith, E. Prangle, E. Taylor, F. L. Gledhill, F. E. Filkin, H. Stuart, J. Stephenson, K. M. Despard, C. Hamilton, A. B. Joel, E. W. Jayn, A. F. Hobbs, C. Lamont, M. Atkinson, F. H. W. Carver, M. L. Pick, A. J. Webb, K. E. Luard, J. Ward, L. Sands, J. I. Walworth, B. E. Hutchison, A. F. Byers, G. K. Swanton, M. J. Mill, L. Hand, J. Caldcleugh, E. Tait, M. Warren-Smith, L. M. Monk.

Sir John Furley, Chief Commissioner of the British Red Cross Society, has written to the *Cape Times*, expressing his appreciation of the work done by women who are not nurses. We have always advocated women's work being used for the benefit of the army and the nation in every department in which they have expert knowledge, but what we deprecate is the assumption by untrained women, no matter of what class, of the responsibility of nursing our sick soldiers. They are not trained for the very skilled work, they undertake so lightly, and in this special war have shown themselves in many instances devoid of common sense and good feeling, and we gather from Lady Sykes' book that titled dames are not satisfied to do the homely and domesticated duties which might prove of use, but must ape the professional woman, masquerade in her uniform, and attempt to "control" the work of the trained nurse, of which they know next to nothing.

But the root of this evil as at home. The Committee to select the Reserve of nurses for active service has but one professional woman on it, and all the Military Hospital Committees for the same purpose, have purposely excluded the participation of trained Matrons in the work of selection. They have, moreover, done all they possibly can to cut at the very root of discipline by failing to make any personal enquiries *direct* to the Matrons of the hospitals from which they have selected nurses, and, in many instances, most unsuitable women have been chosen.

Only last week the press was informed that Princess Christian presided over a Committee held at the Army Medical Department, and, by invitation of the Committee, Lady Georgiana Curzon and Mme. Van André attended on behalf of the Imperial Yeomanry Committee, and that "ten nurses were selected to serve with the Yeomanry Base Hospital now at Deelfontein, the accommodation of the hospital having recently been increased."

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