

"I want two of your birds, please, for a sick man," she said.

"You'll not touch our birds," was the surly reply, the owners threatening her if she went near them.

"I'm not for stealing them," she said, and, throwing down a sovereign, she secured a pair and carried them off, adding, "If it was na' to save life, I would na' take your birds at a gift, nor anything frae your hoose." On her way back, at a Kaffir kraal she exchanged one of the fowls for a dozen fresh eggs, just brought in from the country, and returned happy and triumphant, and soon was able to bring her patient safely to Maritzburg.

After this she was very ill herself, the result of that cruel kick, and often we thought she would not live to see Dundee in our hands again. But when the news came that we had occupied it, it seemed to give her new strength, and once more, with boxes of comforts, she started for her old home. Sad destruction and wanton mischief she found there, but nothing daunted, she managed to make a comfortable place of it before long.

When the Natal Carbineer patrol was trapped by white flag treachery, her great wish was to go to Vryheid, there to nurse those who were too badly wounded to be brought back to Dundee. She was told it was quite impossible for her to get there, even with military escort. However, quite alone, riding, she started, hoping they would allow a woman to go. She crossed the river, and had got into the Transvaal, when armed Boers met her and turned her back, threatening her terribly. Twice did this happen before she would give up her plan.

Soon after this she died. To the end she did her best to be useful; and though suffering herself, her one thought was to ease the sufferings of others.

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Invitations to the Nurses' Congress.

THE Matrons of the leading Training Schools and Nursing Societies in the United Kingdom have this week received official invitations to have these institutions represented at the International Congress of Nurses, to be held at Buffalo next September. The invitation is signed by thirty-one of the most representative nurses in the United States. We have no doubt that, in numerous instances, this cordial invitation will receive as cordial a reply.

A Committee of the organizers will be held in New York the first week of the New Year, when several items of the programme will be discussed.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS MARY G. FLETCHER has been appointed Matron of the Borough of Basingstoke Isolation Hospital. Miss Fletcher was trained at St. Mary's and Middlesex Hospitals, and for the last twenty-three years has been a member of the private nursing staff of the London Association of Nurses, 123, New Bond Street, and since July last has taken charge of the hospital.

MISS E. C. SHANNON has been appointed Matron of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. She was trained and certificated at this institution, and her subsequent appointments have been Charge Nurse and Assistant Matron at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool; Matron of the Grantham Hospital; Superintendent of Nurses of the Scottish National Red Cross Hospital, South Africa; and Night Superintendent at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

MISS F. H. WHITMARSH has been appointed Matron of the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital. She was trained at the Infirmary, Lewisham, and since completing her training has held the position of charge nurse in the hospital of which she has now been appointed Matron.

MISS FLORENCE GRATWICKE has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Ottery St. Mary, S. Devon. She received her training at the Children's Cottage Hospital, Cold Ash, Berks, and at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, from which institution she has been private nursing for the last two years.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS LOUISA PARTRIDGE, who has recently held the position of Sister at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, has been appointed Assistant Matron at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS BEATRICE BREWIN has been appointed Night Superintendent at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. She received her training at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square.

SISTER.

MISS MARGARET PRIESTMAN has been appointed Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Wimbledon. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, where she also held the position of Ward Sister.

MISS MARGARET RICHARDSON has been appointed Ward Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax. Miss Richardson was trained at the Westminster Hospital, and has had a year's experience in fever nursing at the Southampton Fever Hospital.

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