

with them, so that the whole summer was lost for building purposes while the committee was waiting for the final plans.

However, the whole scheme has now, happily, been completed as originally intended. The nurses have a most charming home, and Miss Hicks (now Mrs. Emmott Large) is, by the late Lady Howard de Walden's desire, appointed, in conjunction with her own executors, to see that her wishes are carried out; that is to say, that the building is used as a nurses' home. There is, moreover, every prospect of its proving not only an immense boon to the nurses, but also a financial success. Therefore we are of opinion that the nurses of the Co-operation owe their support at the present time to the committee who have so successfully managed their concerns hitherto, and that, as a matter of principle, they should not allow the financial control of their affairs to be grasped by any "notoriety-seeking agitators."

The International Council of Nurses.

It gives us very great pleasure to announce that Fraulein Hedwig von Schlichting, the most able Superintendent of Nurses at the General Hospital at Hamburg, has accepted the invitation of the Committee of the International Council of Nurses to act as Honorary Vice-President for Germany, with a seat on the executive, until such time as a thoroughly representative National Association of German Nurses is organized. It is specially gratifying that a compatriot of "the beloved Frau Pastorin," of Kaiserswerth, Frederica Fliedner, should be ready to aid the great work which the International Council of Nurses hopes in time to accomplish.

Deeply Regretted.

On May 7th Nurse Ethel Mary Grubb died at Bournemouth, of acute pneumonia. Since 1895 she had been attached to the staff of the Suffolk General Hospital, as probationer and Staff Nurse, and she had endeared herself to all her fellow-workers by her sweet and gentle disposition. Only last month she left Bury St. Edmunds, and obtained work on the staff of the Victoria Nursing Institute, Bournemouth, in order to be near an invalid sister. She was followed to the grave, on Saturday last, by Miss Christina Forrest, the Lady Superintendent of the Home, and fifteen of her nurses. Amongst the wreaths was a beautiful one composed of lilies and spirea, from the staff at Bury St. Edmunds.

Nursing Echoes.

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We hear that Lord Raglan, Under Secretary of State for War, has been bombarded with letters for having had the common sense to receive a deputation from the Matrons' Council to represent the views of nurses on Army Nursing Reform. Highly placed personages, "nursing popes," and all and sundry who imagine that by some occult power social position and wealth entitle their possessors to form infallible judgments on matters professional, of which they have absolutely no practical experience, have made the life of this gallant soldier somewhat burdensome of late. It is sadly bourgeois and British this denial to the worker of the right to form opinions upon her own affairs. No doubt, had the deputation been composed of *déclassé* duchesses and sporting dukes, the humanity of their motives would have been amply apparent.

The hospital ship, *Maine*, which was fitted out by American ladies at the commencement of the South African War, and is now attached to the Mediterranean Fleet, arrived at Portsmouth this week with her first batch of invalids from Malta. Great interest attaches to the voyage, as communication between the home hospitals and the fleets abroad by means of hospital ships is an innovation. If the *Maine* proves the success anticipated, there will probably be some important developments in the method of providing for naval invalids.

It is now years ago since the late Miss Mary Kingsley, with characteristic practical sympathy for the sick, publicly urged the establishment of stationary hospital ships on the West Coast of Africa, as well as the provision of suitable accommodation for the sick on mail steamers, and Miss Margaret Breay stated that her experience on the East Coast led her to the same conclusions. Indeed, so long ago as 1894, when Matron of the English Hospital, Zanzibar, she suggested the establishment of a floating hospital in the harbour, instead of the one on shore, but it was found that the expense would be so great that the idea could not be entertained.

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