

quently tempted to "get rid" of the older members of the family."

Subsequent events have proved that Dr. Ritchie's criticism of the sanitary arrangements of the fever hospital of the Belfast Union, at a recent meeting of the Board of Guardians, which was resented at the time, was not one whit too strong. One nurse has died of enteric fever, and others are ailing. There are most serious outbreaks of enteric fever and diphtheria in the city, and the Public Health Department announced that in ten days ninety-eight cases of typhoid, all of a severe type, have been admitted to hospital, the total under treatment being 254; while nineteen cases of diphtheria have been admitted in two days. Additional medical men and nurses have been appointed, but we should advise the Guardians to erect a temporary hospital, in a hygienic position, and with adequate sanitary arrangements. It is useless to attempt to cope with an epidemic of enteric fever in a hospital with leaking drains all round and lavatories which cannot be emptied.

It is surely an unintentional oversight that the name of Miss Eugenie M. Hibbard, the Superintendent of Nursing on the American Hospital Ship "Maine," was not included in Lord Roberts' list of sisters who had rendered special and meritorious service in the South African campaign. We should also like to see some recognition of Mrs. Blow, the hon. secretary of the fund which was raised to equip the ship, who worked incessantly for its success. In each of the civil hospitals one or more matrons or sisters have been selected for mention, so the omission of any mention of the "Maine" is specially to be regretted.

Miss Hibbard, with the Sisters and qualified male nurses who worked under her, came over from the United States to place their skilled work at the service of our soldiers in the dark days at the end of 1899, when our need was the sorest, and the value of their mission was so well recognised at the time that the late Queen received Miss Hibbard and the Sisters at Windsor before they left England on their mission of mercy, and personally thanked them for coming to help her soldiers. Probably, as the "Maine," which, by the way, afterwards did good service in Chinese waters and was finally presented, a fully-equipped hospital ship, to the British Government, was the only ship in South African waters supported by voluntary efforts, its claims to recognition have by some unfortunate mischance been overlooked, but, none the less, we hope the omission will be rectified.

Miss Kleonike Klonare, who has been head nurse of the New England Baptist Hospital, and who is a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and holds a diploma from that institution as well as from the Lying-In Hospital, has given up her position, and will return to Greece, by invitation of the Crown Princess, to engage in hospital work in her native country. Miss Klonare went to the United States from Mytilene in the island of Lesbos, about four years ago, after having been educated in the American School in Constantinople. She took the nurses' course in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and upon the occasion of the visit of a Greek warship to Boston, some time ago, she acted as interpreter for Mr. Christophoros, surgeon to King George of Greece, who was on the warship, and who visited the Massachusetts General and other Hospitals. Upon his return to Greece, Mr. Christophoros told Princess Sophia, who is much interested in hospital work, about her former subject in Boston, and a short time ago Miss Klonare received an invitation from the Princess to return to Greece. Miss Klonare expects some difficulties in the way of establishing normal work, owing to the restraints under which young women who are capable of becoming nurses are placed in Greece.

The *Umtata Herald* is responsible for the following story: "A Tommy, whose identity is concealed in the name of Private Smith, was in hospital with enteric. The doctor one day hurried through the ward. Smith was lying in a comatose condition. There was a hurried examination, a whisper to the nurse, and the orderlies arrived with a stretcher to take Tommy to the mortuary. The corpse, however, sat up in the midst of the funeral preparations. To the sister, who stood by in a state of wonderment, our friend Smith faintly but firmly announced that his demise was, to say the least of it, somewhat anticipated. The nurse hesitated a moment, and then the voice of duty triumphed. "The doctor says you are dead, Smith, and he ought to know best. If you wish to make a complaint you must do so at the mortuary."

"And away went the procession."

We confess the tale makes large demands upon our credence. We suppose the red tapeism of military medical administration is considered fair game. But do Army Nursing Sisters really allow moribund enteric patients to sit up in bed? This is the last straw, and our credulity will not stand this strain.

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