

that in a very short time all district Nursing societies, both in England, Scotland, and Ireland, will be affiliated to the Jubilee Institute, and in thus co-operating, effect that high standard of proficiency in the Nursing of our sick poor—to which all are entitled—and which it should be the aim of every district Nurse that they should receive.

THE President of the French Republic recently visited the Toulon Sailors' Hospital, and presented the Matron, Sister Auguste Françoise, with the Cross of the Legion of Honour, and a gold medal to Sister Ménandre.

IN the school for the training of military Nurses established by the Princess Hohenlohe in Strasburg, the Princess shares alike with all members of the class in everything they are called on to do, from binding a broken leg to answering the test questions of the examining corps of physicians. The Princess is a woman of 60, of strong nerve and splendid health.

A RECENT number of the *Cape Argus* had an admirable Nursing article headed "Are they Angels?" It was evidently written by a man, as he confessed to finding the Nurse in "the uniform, with the snow-white cuffs and the veil fluttering in the breeze" very adorable. He also states that: "When a few weeks ago a score or so of these disciples of Florence Nightingale made a stay in Cape Town *en route* to the Rand, they were at least in the eyes of one sex far more attractive than their more elegantly attired sisters who are to be seen in Adderley Street on any fine morning. They were eyed, well-nigh worshipped, and when they left for their destination, were sadly missed."

He then proceeds to take up the cudgels in their defence. It appears that the South African doctors have been following the lead of some medical men in England, and one in particular has written a violent article on "the Monstrous Regiment" of Nurses, who, he says, are "likely to become a serious nuisance to the profession, and a not inconsiderable danger to the public."

The newspaper champion does not hesitate to characterise the sentiments of this doctor as being actuated by jealousy, and remarks truly that

the opinion of a doctor who regards Nurses as a "monstrous regiment" does not carry much weight; and that "in South Africa the question of the training of Nurses is in many cases subservient to the petty likes and dislikes of an overweening medical officer."

OUR readers will be interested in the following details of the care of the wounded after the terrible dynamite explosion at Johannesburg. It seems a large number of doctors were on the spot in five minutes. The Hospital made the most extraordinary exertions to make room for as many as possible. The Wanderers' Club turned their skating rink into a hospital, and a great many of the homeless were put up there, while the majority were sheltered in the sheds of the Agricultural Society's show grounds. All the ladies came out at once with supplies of milk, soup, clothing, blankets, &c.

Four operating theatres were in full use at the Johannesburg Hospital, three of which were improvised. In these about forty operations were performed, most of them being major operations. At first, owing to the blackened state of the bodies, it was thought that the majority were coloured people. This view was erroneous. The great majority were whites, the Sisters in charge of the Kaffir ward only having had three blacks under their care. About a third of the sufferers were white children.

The doctors united in praise of the endurance of the Dutchmen and women. "I never saw such astounding pluck in my experience," one doctor said. The doctors were unanimous in saying that both Sisters and lay Nurses worked like heroines, and proved fully equal to every call. They said also that there were quite enough Nurses, and that the Institution had proved quite equal to the emergency. "It is once or twice in a century," said one doctor, "that a Hospital has a call on it like this had yesterday." Miss Young, the Superintendent of the lay Nurses, and the Mother Superior, both agreed that they had never in their whole lives experienced a calamity so terrible as this.

President Kruger paid a visit to the extemporised Hospital, and spoke sympathetically with several of the sufferers.

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