

that if a nurse broke her engagement for reasons unapproved by the local committee, she should be required to refund her passage money. He would ask the Association to consider matrimony a reason of which they disapproved.

Mrs Piggott remarked that there had been one marriage in three years.

Sir Charles said this was much below the average, and he felt sure they would make up the average later on. He went on to say that there was sometimes a want of discipline and cohesion in nursing matters which he thought might be overcome as a matter of administration, and stated that while in Natal, Lady Mitchell had been provided by the colonists with £1,200 in order to secure the services of trained nurses, but within two years this had all been dissipated, not because the services of the nurses were not required, for they were more than ever convinced of the necessity for them, but because the nurses—whether as the result of injudicious treatment, or what, he did not know—all quarrelled, and had to be disbanded.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Association and of the meeting to Her Royal Highness for her presence, and to Mr. Jones for his generous promise of an annual subscription of £50, which he undertook to say should be used for West Africa.

The meeting then terminated.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS HOYLE has been appointed Nurse Matron to the Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale near Matlock. Miss Hoyle was trained at the Leeds General Infirmary, and has held the positions of Sister at the Grimsby and District Hospital, Sister at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Sister at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, and Lady Superintendent of the Ulster Hospital, Mount Pottinger, Belfast.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS ELIZA REID DOBIE has been appointed Assistant-Matron, out of nearly a hundred applicants at the General Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Dobie was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse in that institution. She has also held the position of Night Superintendent, for two years, and of housekeeper for a year at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, so that she has had excellent experience to qualify her for the position which she has obtained.

MISS BESSIE COTTERELL has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Infirmary, Havil Street, Camberwell. Miss Cotterell was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and subsequently held the positions of Charge Nurse and Night Sister at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

The Queen at Netley.

THE Queen's visit to Netley which took place last Saturday was much appreciated by the sick and wounded soldiers. This is the third time during the present year that her Majesty has honoured Netley Hospital with a visit, and has shown to her soldiers that sympathy and kindness which has always characterised her, and which has so endeared her to the nation.

Her Majesty, who was accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and Princess Victoria of Schleswig Holstein, arrived at the Hospital shortly before two o'clock, and was wheeled through the building in a bath chair. The Queen first passed along the main corridor on the ground floor where the convalescents were paraded, and then visited the medical wards, where the patients are for the most part, recovering from enteric fever, dysentery, and kindred diseases, and afterwards passed on to the surgical wards, where the bath chair was wheeled up to many of the beds, and Her Majesty spoke words of sympathy and appreciation to the patients. Private Davidson, of the Army Medical Department, who, after being wounded, and while suffering from a depressed fracture of the skull, conveyed a wounded comrade to the field hospital, was honoured by being presented by the Queen with a distinguished conduct medal. The only other man similarly honoured on Saturday was Staff-Sergeant Benson, of the Army Medical Corps.

While the Queen was occupied in visiting the wards, the Sirdar was busy distributing 180 medals for service in the Soudan to the men on parade, which he did in a happy manner, speaking a few words of recognition to each man.

The Queen before leaving the hospital visited the operating theatre, and expressed an interest in the way in which the Röntgen Rays are used in surgery, and their application was explained to Her Majesty.

Many people assembled on the road between the hospital and the station at Netley, and were rewarded by seeing the Queen, and the hero of the hour, Lord Kitchener of Khartoum. Her Majesty, and the Sirdar both appeared gratified by the reception accorded to them.

A Bolt from the Blue.

WE are so accustomed to read the same time-worn arguments against an efficient standard of nursing and to find a *non possumus* attitude adopted—even if Bumble does not plant down his masculine hoof with a stamp and say, blusteringly: "*We won't have nurses educated*"—that we read with gratification, and we must add with some surprise, a paper read by Miss C. B. S. Wilkie, Lady Superintendent of the Halifax Workhouse Infirmary, before the Yorkshire Poor Law Conference,

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