

where superintendents are eligible to active membership in the Superintendents' Association the only ones that give a sufficient training to their nurses, or is the visiting membership of that association a better criterion? I ask these questions in the belief that, much as they have been discussed, they have not yet been conclusively answered.

However they may be decided, by far the most serious aspect of the question of women in the army, namely, the moral side, remains. Only three or four instances of women of known disreputable character obtaining army contracts have come to my knowledge, and in each case, the woman was engaged by a surgeon under the emergency authority above alluded to. The real difficulty lies not in guarding against such as these, but in preventing the little flirtations which might be innocent enough if carried on at home, but which are entirely out of place in an army camp. Unfortunately, many a nurse who was highly endorsed by her superintendent has proved that her conduct is not to be relied on when she is free from the restraints to which she has been accustomed.

Almost invariably, however, the superintendents have responded in a prompt and most conscientious manner to the necessary requests for endorsements (or the contrary), and it is their misfortune rather than their fault that they have sometimes been misled. The "morale" of the army nurses must depend in the future, as it has in the past, on the care exercised by the superintendents in making endorsements.

Permit me to say, in concluding this very imperfect presentation of the subject, that now, as in the past, and so long as I hold my present position, information and advice from the trained nurses of the country will be most heartily welcome.

### Naval and Military Nursing.

WE are pleased to learn that Mrs. Quintard, Superintendent of Nurses at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, has accepted the invitation to attend the International Congress and present a Paper on Naval and Military Nursing—a subject she is unusually qualified to discuss. Mrs. Quintard had charge of one of the large military stations at Camp Wikoff during the late war, under the direct auspices of the New York Red Cross Auxilliary, and there saw for herself the needs of the sick and wounded soldier, and, we believe, formed definite views on the necessity of a thoroughly equipped nursing service for sailors and soldiers.

### Appointments.

#### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS ALICE MAUD SMYTHE, who has recently held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, S.E., has been appointed Night Superintendent in that institution. Miss Smythe received her training at the London Hospital, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Sister at the City Hospital, Leeds, and Charge Nurse at the North Eastern Hospital.

#### SISTER.

MISS M. I. L. PIERCE has been appointed Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Nottingham. Miss Pierce received her training at the Salisbury Infirmary, and subsequently nursed at the Monsall Infirmary, Manchester, and held the position of Sister in Charge at the St. Helens' Sanatorium.

#### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS JESSIE RYAL, Park Hospital, Hither Green, has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Malling Union Workhouse.

#### CHARGE NURSE.

MISS LETITIA MIDDLETON has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Salford. Miss Middleton was trained at the Salford Union Infirmary, and has also worked on the staff of the Haslingden Union Infirmary, and of the Brook Fever Hospital.

MISS MARY SMITH has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Borough of Douglas Isolation Hospital, Isle of Man. Miss Smith obtained her training at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Matron at the Eston Sanatorium, Eston, Middlesborough.

MISS RHODA HARVEY, who was trained at the Sheffield Union Infirmary, has been appointed Charge Nurse at that institution.

MISS KATE MARY CUTLER, trained at Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, has been appointed Charge Nurse at the same institution.

#### FOREIGN APPOINTMENTS.

MISS MARGARET ETHEL HOWES is leaving England shortly to take up work in Central Africa in connection with the Universities Mission. Miss Howes, who will at present be stationed at Magila, on the main-land, was a Nightingale Probationer at St. Thomas's Hospital, and subsequently Staff Nurse, Sister, and Night Superintendent in that institution. In 1896 she was appointed Matron of the General Hospital,

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