

available for the working-classes. Two meetings have been held—one at Whittinghame House, when Miss Balfour spoke feelingly on the need for these nurses; and the second was held at Smeaton House, the residence of Mrs. Hepbourne. The meetings were such a success that a mass meeting is to be held next June, after which the nurses, it is hoped, will begin their work.

We all know how difficult it has become in these days for a Matron to maintain good discipline in our Nursing Schools, and how thankless a task it often is; but we also know that no high tone or efficiency can be maintained in a hospital where the Matron shirks this duty.

We were not surprised therefore (especially as she holds a Barts. certificate), to find a bitter onslaught a few weeks ago in the "Hospital" on Miss Jane Jackson, the Matron of the Strangers' Hospital at Rio de Janiero, because in the performance of her duty, she had been compelled to enforce rules and regulations in connection with the signed agreements made by certain members of her Nursing Staff, which they failed to carry out in an honourable manner.

We are all the more pleased to learn that the Sisters who lately replaced the dissentient nurses, are proving themselves actuated by a sense of responsibility, and that harmony is restored at the Strangers' Hospital.

One little piece of news, however, reaches us—Miss Jean Scott Alison was married early this month, with the full approval of the Board of Rio. Miss Alison was a very charming girl, who during her eight years hospital work, had gained the very warm approval of the Matrons under whom she worked, and that she has made a brilliant marriage is not surprising—we wish her much happiness. At the same time, matrimony appears to be epidemic at the Strangers' Hospital, and is certainly a very difficult question to deal with, as the Sisters are honourably bound under a signed contract to remain in the service of the hospital for three years, and it is certainly their duty to fulfil this contract unless the Board of Directors see very good reason for releasing them from their bond. We are pleased to learn that Miss Jackson hopes to be present at the International Congress in June.

Dr. Anita Newcombe McGee, acting assistant surgeon in the American Army, who had charge of the Nurses during the war recently gave evidence before the Investigating Commission. She stated that 1,500 nurses were employed, and that

of this number 15 died. The reports from the various hospitals concerning the female nurses were very satisfactory. Experience had proved that they were preferable to male nurses, the latter not being trained.

Women have come out well in the Hiepano-American War. Miss Anna Gould has been specially commended in the Senate House at Washington, while Miss Chauler has gained the name of "a Major-General among nurses." Miss Chauler, and another nurse, Miss Boulogny, risked their lives continually in nursing wounded soldiers. They established, managed, and supported hospitals at various stations in Cuba, and in the opinion of the American army should be named amongst the heroes of their country.

Many amusing discussions have taken place in the States on the question of women nurses in war, and tribute to woman's value as a nurse in camp was lately paid at the Red Cross Relief Committee's meeting, with Bishop Potter in the Chair. Speaking of his experience at Camp Wikoff, Mr. Howard Townsend said:—

"The great trouble was to get the women nurse accepted. Colonel Forwood had no use for a woman around a camp. He said there would be flirtations. I told him these women had run the gamut of junior surgeons, house physicians and family practitioners, and I guessed his rank and file were safe."

Mr. Horace Barnes, who represented the Red Cross in Porto Rico, paid a warm tribute to the courtesy of the Spaniards there.

Bishop Potter told of the readiness of Cleveland H. Dodge to meet every need during the war. The Bishop said a benefit was offered to the Red Cross by a theatrical company. Some of the Executive Committee objected, as they said the manager might say that Bishop Potter indorsed the performance. "Besides, there's a ballet in it," some one suggested.

"If that is so I have a lot of extra pyjamas on hand I can lend them," exclaimed Mr. Dodge.

Dr. Lesser's tribute to Colonel Roosevelt brought out applause. He said:—

"Having seen war before, I was astonished at the perfect condition of Colonel Roosevelt's camp in Cuba. It was beautifully clean, the tents were put up splendidly, and stories of starvation among his men were untrue. Colonel Roosevelt came to Miss Barton for supplies and Dr. Gardiner did them up in two big bags and said, 'Now, Colonel, I'll get some one to carry these over for you.' 'Indeed, no,' said Colonel Roosevelt; 'I'll carry them myself,' and he flung the two big bags over his shoulder and tramped back four miles with them."

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