

nursing staff of the Sixth General Hospital, some of whose names have already been mentioned as having been selected for duty are as follows:—The Superintendent is Miss Sarah Elizabeth Oram, R.R.C., who has been a member of the Army Nursing Service since 1886. She received the Royal Red Cross for her services to the sick and wounded from the Dongola Expedition in 1896. The other members of the staff of this hospital are:—Miss A. E. Davidson, Miss M. I. Burdett, Miss M. F. Lightfoot, Miss J. E. Skillman, Miss L. E. V. Asman, Miss A. L. Wilson, and Miss R. Lawless, of the Army Nursing Reserve. They will leave for South Africa on the 20th inst.

Miss Clemence E. Jones, who was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and has been on the nursing staff of Gordon House Home Hospital since 1889, and Miss Creighton, of Guy's Hospital, have been selected as the nurses for the Princess Christian Hospital train.

We are glad to announce that, in reply to a cable from Mr. Lyne, the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the services of ten nurses from that colony for work in South Africa.

The *Princess of Wales* arrived at Cape Town on Monday. This ship, which first left London on November 23rd, can scarcely be described as an Atlantic greyhound!

We learn that the *Maine*, which is now well on her way to the Cape, encountered a hurricane in the Bay of Biscay, and had to lay to for forty-two hours. However, the staff arrived at Las Palmas "all well," so they are evidently none the worse for this unpleasant experience.

A nurse, writing to the *Cape Times*, complains that though she left England for the Cape for the purpose of "realizing her life's ambition," namely, to "serve on the field of action," yet her services have not been accepted. The authorities in South Africa would not be well advised to accept the services of any who may volunteer. What is needed is a General Superintendent of Nursing at the Cape who would investigate the qualifications of candidates and enrol those who are found to be satisfactory.

The following letters from Nursing Sisters in South Africa, which have appeared in *Misericordia*, the monthly paper of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, will be read with interest by many of their colleagues.

No. 1 General Hospital, Wynberg, S. Africa.

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... We had a great reception at the Cape when we arrived. The people cheered and our troops cheered back, and it was wonderful altogether. We landed next day and were sent out here, only about nine miles from Cape Town, where the huts were ready for us. Such a lovely place it is, with that wondrous Table Mountain at the back, and Simon's Bay in the distance in front. A pine wood surrounds us—and it is summer! The Camp is now one huge hospital all up the hill and in the wood. There are 620 beds, and already 500 have been filled. The men from Belmont were brought in on the 26th, such a number and such terrible cases. I never saw anything so awful and sad as some of them, and they are so patient and good. Many had to have operations at once. It is a grand place for them, so fresh and nice, and a large number are doing well. I have met a good many old patients from the Guards already, so awfully altered I scarcely knew them. . . One realizes now what war means and the utter horror of it; and this they say is only the beginning. I am very glad to be here, and can do a great deal to make them more comfortable, poor brave fellows, but there is so much that we can't do. The rush of work for the first few days after the wounded arrive is tremendous. I just long for several pairs of hands and feet, to run a few different ways at once! No words can describe how heart-rending it is to see them coming in on stretchers, one after another, many of them such utter wrecks. There is one Gordon Highlander in one of my wards with spinal wounds, paralysed all but his arms, and he is as cheery as if he were well, and with such a store of quaint humour. All are so wonderfully patient. People are very good in sending fruit, jellies, and all sorts of nice things for them, and they do appreciate them. . . . We have four Canadian nurses who came over with the Canadian troops, they are helping us and are most charming women. . . . We are all hoping to get up country in the hospital train by turns; two have to go each journey to collect the wounded from the Field Hospitals and bring them here. . . . A.C.L.A.

Third General Hospital,

South African Field Force.

There are two hospital trains, most beautifully fitted, to carry the sick down from the front. They came here after the two battles at Belmont, having been able to go close to the field of battle. The wounded were placed in the train and brought at once to Wynberg. One poor lieutenant died on the way down. S. B.

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