

**Army Nursing Notes.**

WE are informed that, in addition to the names sent to us for publication by the Secretary of State for War, the following Sisters, members of the Army Nursing Reserve, embarked for South Africa on the 2nd inst., for service with the Yeomanry Hospital:—Nursing Sisters M. Rogers, F. N. Shore, I. M. Searle, K. French, B. I. Talbot, G. Degwood, D. Westbrook, A. G. Rogers, M. A. Macdonald, M. Moore.

We learn from several Sisters at the front that their stock of shoes and stockings (provided by themselves) have quite given out, and it is impossible to get the former mended; also, several of the Sisters who went out before the hot season, never contemplated remaining in South Africa during the winter, and, in consequence, did not provide themselves with warm under-clothing. The uniform allowance from the War Office is quite inadequate for Nursing Sisters to supply themselves with any articles of clothing excepting for outside wear, and, in consequence, those amongst them who are not well off, have had to deny themselves many necessaries.

We observe that Mrs. Leather-Culley, who is about to start for South Africa, is advertising for "warm woollen underclothing and linen for the nurses, and especially for stockings, to supply their urgent need of those articles." She might add useful boots and rubbers to her list, she will find plenty of applicants for them up country. Parcels should be sent care of Mr. H. Bargrave Deane, Q.C., 5, Eaton Place, and cheques made payable to Messrs. Cox and Co., "for Mrs. Culley's Fund." Bed jackets, slippers, crutches, and walking sticks will also be acceptable.

The matter of clothing and uniform for Sisters has been one which the Army Nursing Reserve Committee has failed to arrange satisfactorily, and, presumably, no fresh supply of warm clothing has been ordered by it and sent out for winter needs.

Mrs. Hildyard, wife of Lieutenant-General Hildyard, commanding the Fifth Division in South Africa, forwards the following extract from a letter received from a nurse in the Mooi River Hospital, Natal:—"I am often nearly heart-broken when I need things for my patients and cannot get them. We can buy very little out here—horrible tea and biscuits, and only occasionally tobacco. I should be so glad of Benger's food, cocoa, glycerine, biscuits, cigar-

ettes, and condensed milk. These things I need very badly sometimes; also eau de Cologne, which is so refreshing for the enteric cases." Mrs. Hildyard says:—"I should be glad to receive contributions for the purchase of the articles mentioned, and propose sending a small parcel every week to the hospital by post." Address: Mrs. Hildyard, 85, Cadogan Gardens.

The Army Orderly has not, in every case, won a crown of laurels from the hard-working Army Sister. We are informed by one of the latter that:—

"These orderlies are a sore trial. They are very ignorant of trained nursing, and are untidy, dirty, and lazy, and they cut out of the way if they see a Sister coming for fear of being asked to do some service for the patients; indeed, we much prefer the civilian pure and simple, who is more sympathetic, less cocky, and willing to obey the Sister."

Sister Warriner, R.N.S., is now in charge of the sick officers and Sisters in the Dames Institute at Bloemfontein, in connection with No. 10 General Hospital. We are glad that Sister Tulloh should have so efficient and untiring a worker on her staff. Social influence has placed many untrained and helpless women in positions of responsibility in Bloemfontein, the attempted control of whom is heartrending work for our Regular Army Sisters.

From Deelfontein Mr. Frupp, who is in charge of the Yeomanry Hospital, writes, in the *British Medical Journal*, that his tents are pitched "twenty-nine miles" beyond "accommodation room" for "these willing but unwanted souls," alluding to amateur society nurses.

Commenting on this utterance, the *British Medical Journal* says:—"The Yeomanry Hospital has been more fortunate in this respect than some of the military hospitals. In too many instances the work of the hospitals has been hampered by the incursions of ladies who, while eager to pose as Florence Nightingales, have failed to make themselves acquainted with the most elementary rules of good nursing, and have even refused to obey strict instructions issued in the interests of the patients. Defeated at Cape Town and repulsed from Bloemfontein, this 'monstrous regiment of women' is now, it would appear, finding its way back to this country, and is commencing a campaign of vengeance against the medical authorities who have had to discharge the disagreeable duty of telling them that they were hindrances and not helps."

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