

of strictly limiting himself to the discharge of the duties entrusted to him, Mr. Rawlings has on many occasions shown a tendency to amplify his jurisdiction beyond its legitimate bounds."

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

They are, in short, of opinion "that the supervision of the affairs of the hospital by the Board of Management has not been adequate to the needs of the institution." In other words, that the Board have deputed duties which they themselves should have discharged to their Secretary, and that the present condition has arisen from the well nigh absolute powers placed in his hands.

We cannot endorse the second suggestion of the Committee that a Secretary and Medical Superintendent should be appointed as a permanent officer. It appears to us that in adopting this suggestion the Committee would merely be changing a lay for a medical pope with the further likelihood that, so far as the secretarial work is concerned, they would exchange a man who knows his business for one who does not.

The appointment of Medical Superintendents in Poor Law Infirmaries, an expedient adopted when trained nursing was non-existent, has not been found to work well, and it would be a fundamental mistake to introduce a system now entirely discarded in our best organized hospitals into the management of the National Hospital.

Gone to the Front.

We are informed by the Secretary of State for War that the undermentioned Nursing Sisters embarked this week for South Africa in the S.S. *Assaye*:—

ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. G. A. Warner.

ARMY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

Mrs. A. Twamley, Miss G. E. Larner, Miss G. H. C. Stratton, Miss A. Jarman, Miss M. L. T. Babb, Miss M. H. W. Griffiths, Miss K. Ward, Miss A. B. McDonald, Miss E. J. M. Robbins, Miss M. R. Thomson, Miss M. Neville, Miss A. Thornton, Miss M. M. Hanson, Miss F. de Blaquiére, Miss M. Lynch, Miss G. Trout, Miss F. A. Davis, Miss E. Ambrose, Miss A. O'Flaherty, Miss L. M. Fletcher, Miss A. M. Poulter, Miss M. J. Bell, Miss A. Mc. J. Bower, Miss E. C. Lloyd, Miss M. E. Owen, Miss M. E. Powell, Miss L. E. V. Asman, Miss A. L. Storie, Miss N. W. Pughe.

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Mr. W. W. Astor, the American millionaire, has sent a cheque for £5,000 to the Women's Memorial Fund in connection with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses.

We learn from Miss Maud Banfield, Hon. Secretary to the International Congress of Nurses, that Mr. William T. Buchanan, the Director-General, has appointed September 21st to be Trained Nurses Day at the Buffalo Exposition. This is an extremely interesting departure, as it is the first time the work of Trained Nurses has been nationally recognised, and no doubt the Nurses will receive a great ovation.

The Directors of the Woman's Union are arranging to give a reception to the guests of the Committee organizing the International Nurses' Congress on the afternoon of September 18th.

The Congress Committee repeats its request for books, papers, magazines, or any literature written by nurses, and for constitutions, reports, and records of nurses' societies for exhibition. Two copies of each article should be sent for this purpose to Miss Damer, 55, Mohawk Street, Buffalo, N.Y.

Japan has just intimated Miss Banfield that it will be happy to have representation on the International Congress Programme, and has appointed an Hon. Vice President. It will be remembered that trained nursing was introduced into Japan, and a nursing school founded in Tokio by Miss Linda Richards, an American Superintendent.

Owing to the rejection of Mr. H. C. Richards' proposed instruction on the Christ's Hospital Bill, we fear "Barts" will now have to pay a very high price for the piece of land which it requires for extension, and which it must secure, if it is to exist at all. For years the progress of the nursing department has been greatly impeded by lack of a compact, well ordered Home. No one excepting those who have worked under existing arrangements, can realize the difficulties and the endless consideration required to keep things going at all. It speaks volumes for the glamour which

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