

under recent naval administration and progress he understood is being made. He deprecated too great elaboration of detail in the arrangements of hospital ships; he advocated the provision of good ventilation and the facility for segregating infectious or other special cases; he urged that cleanliness and purity were the essence of antiseptic surgery, and that could be arrived at by comparatively simple measures as Lord Lister lately represented.

Surgeon-General O'Dwyer remarked that he would have liked to have heard whether in a modern man-of-war, and considering demands of antiseptic surgery it was possible or fair to the wounded to attempt to treat them aboard. He asked if hospital ships were protected by the Geneva Convention.

Dr. Leigh Canney remarked that in such a question as the actual bringing the wounded man to the surgeon's hands—the one important question to a naval surgeon—it seemed extraordinary that Fleet Surgeon Kirker's invention should have been put aside for fifteen years, only to be tried long after its practical adoption by the French and Chilean navies. Was there no permanent naval surgeons' committee where such inventions could be tested at once, and official reasons for rejection sent to the inventor, or a request for improvement on certain points?

Fleet Surgeon Kirker, in reply, said it would be the endeavour to evacuate the wounded after an action, but in all probability the numbers would be so great that hospital ships would not be able to receive them all. Therefore some would have to be treated on board their own ships, and some place to carry out this treatment with a reasonable chance of success was necessary.

Lord Roberts on Civil Hospitals in South Africa.

In a recently published despatch the Commander-in-Chief says:—

"I wish once more to draw attention to the great civil hospitals in South Africa, which did so much to alleviate suffering and to moderate the strain thrown on the Royal Army Medical Corps, and to the patriotic efforts of Sir John Furley, Lieut-Col. G. S. Ryerson, Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and Major W. G. Macpherson, Royal Army Medical Corps, and the Red Cross Society."

Lord Roberts goes on to mention the names of those persons who were most conspicuous in helping to raise and equip these hospitals, and to maintain them in a state of efficiency.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Mary Frances Sutherland has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Jenny Lind Infirmary for Sick Children, Norwich. She was trained at the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, and King's College Hospital, London, and has held the appointments of Sister of Wards and of the Operating Theatre at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Hull, and of Assistant Matron at the County Hospital, Lincoln.

MATRON.

Miss Margaret Alison has been appointed Matron of the Ayr County Asylum, Glengall, N.B. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the position of Assistant Matron at the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert.

Miss Mary Briggs has been appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Frome. She received her training in connection with the Nursing Institute, Bangor, and for the last fifteen years has held the position of Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Home at Frome.

Miss Barbara Mackay has been appointed Matron of the Accident Hospital, Mountain Ash, North Wales. She was trained at the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, and at the Chelsea Infirmary, where she subsequently held the positions of Charge Nurse and Assistant Matron.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Mary Preston has been appointed Assistant Matron of the Swansea General and Eye Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the positions of Sister and temporary Assistant Matron at the General Infirmary, Worcester.

SISTER.

Miss Gertrude Savage has been appointed Sister at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport. She received her training at the General Hospital, Gravesend, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Hertford British Hospital, Paris, and Staff Nurse at the Poplar Hospital, and at the Monkwearmouth Hospital, Sunderland.

Miss Lucy Evans has been appointed Sister at the General Infirmary, Worcester. She received her training at the London Hospital, and has since worked on the hospital and private staff at the Worcester Infirmary.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss Emma Elizabeth Willis has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Chester-le-Street. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, and has held the position of Nurse under the Runcorn, Gateshead, and Easington Unions.

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