

Male Nurses Superseded.

Male nurses are to be relieved from duty in the male wards of the City Hospital, New York (the Blackwell's Island School), and female nurses will take their places, as in all the leading private hospitals, according to Commissioner Folks, Commissioner of Charities of New York City under the new reform administration. He reports that the various classes of male nurses in the Training School will be allowed to finish their courses, and as each class is graduated its place will be taken by female nurses. He states there has been an improvement in the care of patients since the female nurses have been employed.

Women are now also placed as head nurses in each male ward in Bellevue Hospital over the men nurses.

Returning from the War.

The following nursing sisters who have served in South Africa are now on their way home:—

In the *Oratava*:—Sisters E. M. Kent, V. Christian, and E. Ambrose. Due at Southampton September 9th.

In the *Golconda*:—Sisters K. O. White, M. Percival, G. Black, S. F. Pollard, S. M. Lippiatt, A. R. Allaway, E. A. Cowley, E. J. M. Kere, M. D. Kriapp, L. Shepherd, M. Everett, M. C. Cole, A. Hill, F. C. Puddicombe, and M. Clements. Due at Southampton September 14th.

In the *Soudan*:—Sisters K. A. Moxon, G. W. Johnston, A. Bower, P. Schere, S. Lamming, C. B. Drury, M. C. Knox, M. L. M'Adam, L. A. Cowley, L. Allmann, M. Potts. Due at Southampton September 10th.

In the *Dominion*:—Sisters L. C. M. N. Noble and A. B. Briscoe. Due at Southampton September 11th.

In the *Orcana*:—Sisters E. Seddon, E. J. Wood, J. E. Dodds, A. G. French, and M. S. Milne. Due at Southampton September 10th.

In the *Dunvegan Castle*:—Sisters M. J. M'Nair and A. S. Liell. Due at Southampton September 6th.

In the *Palawan*:—Sisters K. Parminster and S. E. Richmond. Due at Southampton September 11th.

In the *Ortona*:—Sisters N. Johnston, A. Fincher, and S. H. J. Hadden. Due at Southampton September 15th.

In the *Walmer Castle*:—Sisters C. H. Harrison and A. M. Thomson.

In the *Hatwarden Castle*:—Sisters M. McLeish, R. Howard, and A. Cook. Due at Southampton September 13th.

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colours.

The accompanying picture is that of the badge now worn by the members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. The badge which is worn on the blue uniform of the Navy Sisters is very handsome, the design being a red cross on a white ground with a gold border. The crown and the Royal monogram entwined with the anchor are carried out in the same

An inquest was recently held into the circumstances of the death of a child who was taken to the out-patient department of the Shadwell Children's Hospital, but who was not admitted as an in-patient, and shortly afterwards died. The hospital authorities were exonerated from blame, but the Coroner at the resumed inquest remarked that "since the opening of the inquest the nurses had been hooted in the street. That was very unfair, considering the hard and good work they did."

We agree with the Coroner, Mr. Wynne Baxter. Even had the hospital authorities been to blame, the decision as to admitting or sending away a patient does not rest with the nursing staff, and it is therefore entirely illogical to hold its members responsible.

The current issue of *Nursing Notes* announces the resignation of Mr. Fardon, late Medical Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in the following paragraph:—

"Mr. E. A. Fardon has resigned the office of Medical Honorary Secretary to the Royal British Nurses' Association, which he has held since 1895. Reviewing the events of the past few months in connection with the Midwives' Bill, and the action taken anent that measure by the Association, through its officials, we may be excused for feeling some curiosity as to the true inwardness of this latest development. Has the Midwives' Bill, and the complications caused by a policy which can only be described as devious, proved too hard a nut to crack, or have the rank and file of the Royal British Nurses' Association discovered for themselves that a change of administration is needful? We cannot but express the sincere hope that Mr. Fardon's successor will, by strict adherence to

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