

Returning from the Front.

The following Nursing Sisters who have served in South Africa during the recent war are now on their way home:—

In the *Assaye*:—Sisters M. Bell and A. Morrison. Due at Southampton on September 17th.

In the *Doune Castle*:—Sisters C. S. Carse and H. Anderson. Due at Southampton on September 19th.

In the *Galistan*:—Sisters M. Sinitu, E. A. Ball, and E. G. Lowe. Due at Southampton on September 22nd.

In the *Sunda*:—Sisters H. Hogarth and A. Knaggs. Due at Southampton on September 23rd.

In the *Scot*:—Sisters J. Speed, M. J. Martin, and A. F. Bedwell.

Marriage Bells.

An interesting wedding took place at Detling, Kent, last week, when Miss Rebecca Charlotte Daniell, daughter of Major-General F. F. Daniell, of Hillfield, Detling, was married to Dr. Walter Grahame Stewart, of Sydenham. Crowds of poor folk flocked to the church to see the wedding, for the bride is greatly beloved in the district owing to her work amongst the sick. Miss Daniell who looked charming in her bridal gown, was attended by her two sisters, and was given away by her father. The ceremony was performed by her brother, the Rev. E. F. S. Daniell.

The marriage of Miss Mary Dalley, Matron of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, with Dr. W. Webster, of Medomsley, near Durham, will shortly take place. Miss Dalley, who has held her present position for the past ten years, is very popular in the institution, and has received some charming gifts from the nursing staff and the patients.

A Ministerial Decree.

M. de Szell, the Hungarian Premier, who is also Home Minister, has issued a decree forbidding anyone save doctors of medicine to practise massage. He has also decreed that from September 1st no barmaids and chambermaids shall be employed in hotels, whether in the capital or in provincial towns, who are under the canonical age—that is, under forty. Employers who infringe this regulation will be fined 300 kronen, or, in the event of a repetition of the offence, be imprisoned for fifteen days.

These procedures seem somewhat autocratic, and in this country would not, we believe, be tolerated. Nursing in Hungary must be at a low ebb that the members of the nursing profession do not claim to be permitted to practise massage. The medical profession must also have more time to spare than busy practitioners in this country.

Nursing Echoes.

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"It is rumoured," says the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal*, "that some of the most distinguished members of the nursing staff have lately devoted themselves to bacteriology in the Pathological Laboratory. It has been stated that under their benign influence the anthrax bacillus lost all his virulence, and became as innocuous as a sarcina; that the typhoid bacillus stretched out his flagella, and allowed them to be stained with ease; and that the carbol-fuchsin positively blushed with delight. Such facts speak for themselves, and we need say no more. Doubtless the streptococcus is even now gnashing his teeth with helpless rage, as he reflects on his inability to work his wicked will. But seriously there can be no doubt that the nursing staff is to be congratulated on going to the fountain-head, and gaining a *practical* knowledge both of the organisms of suppuration, and of the most efficient means of destroying them."

It is so often reported that patients in institutions and private houses have committed suicide "during the temporary absence of the nurse," that it is quite refreshing to learn that when recently a patient in University College Hospital suddenly became insane, and made an attempt to jump through a window in the ward, a nurse was on the spot, caught him by the leg and dragged him back. Unfortunately the patient died shortly after as a result of the exertion.

The incident shows the necessity for constant alertness and resource on the part of nurses. Patients admitted to hospitals for other diseases, and whose previous history is little known, may easily, if they have an unsuspected tendency to mental weakness, develop suicidal tendencies, and this possibility should never be absent from the mind of a nurse in charge of a ward of patients all of whom are more or less strangers to her.

A special committee appointed by the *Hampstead Guardians* has had under consideration the reports of the medical officer and the superintendent nurse containing proposals for starting a training-school for nurses. At a recent meeting of the Board a scheme suggested by the special com

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