

the necessity for constant support to varicose veins. The usual practice of patients wearing elastic stockings and elastic bandages is to remove them at night. The stockings are often damaged and over-stretched in the process of removal and replacement, and the veins, being unsupported, are liable to accidental distension. Patients under my directions have worn stockings weeks and even months without removal, with great benefit and without any decomposition of the secretions of the skin or other discomfort, because I had cleansed the skin and applied the dust of which I have already spoken.

Amongst the many other conditions for which the above dressings are useful I may mention burns and scalds, saddle-gall, sunburn, herpes zoster, dermatitis herpetiformis, and prickly heat, as well as corns, and even ringworm and favus. In the last two diseases they are of service for preventing irritating dressings, such as chrysarobin, reaching the eyes directly or by the patient's fingers.

The gauze bandages which I use are made of what is generally called white butter muslin. For dressing the legs, cheap thin long stockings can often be substituted for bandages, and, taking the shape of the joints well, they are preferred by patients.

The Royal Red Cross.

The King has been pleased to confer upon Mrs. George Cornwallis West the Order of the Royal Red Cross for her services on board the hospital ship *Maine* in South Africa. It is regrettable that the international services rendered by Miss M. Eugénie Hibbard, the trained and duly appointed Superintendent of Nursing on board the *Maine*, have not been brought before to the King's notice.

Miss Hibbard, and a staff of Nursing Sisters, were specially selected in America to nurse our sick and wounded on board the American hospital ship *Maine* in the dark days at the end of 1899, and rendered valuable service at the seat of war.

We feel sure justifiable disappointment will be felt in the United States that Miss Hibbard's professional work has not as yet received any recognition in this country, the more so as several society women have been awarded the Nursing Order of the Royal Red Cross.

We are officially informed that His Majesty the King will hold an investiture for all orders on the 24th inst. Those ladies now in England who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, and who may not have received their insignia, should communicate with the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, immediately.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Margaret Whitlock, who was trained at the County Hospital, Durham, and has held the positions of Nurse and Sister there, has been appointed Matron of the institution.

Miss Ethel S. Fortescue has been appointed Matron of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay. She was trained for three years at the Lincoln County Hospital, and holds a certificate for midwifery from the City of London Lying-in Hospital, as well as the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society. Since June, 1898, she has been Matron and Superintendent of District Nursing at the Brixham Cottage Hospital.

Miss Lillian Smith has been appointed Nurse-Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Bromyard. She was trained for three years and certificated at the Royal Hospital, Salford, in connection with which institution she has had some experience of private nursing, and has also held the position of Sister. For the last two years she has worked in South Africa as a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss Jane Hutchings has been appointed Matron of the Infectious Hospital, Skipton. She was trained at the National Hospital, Queen's Square, London, and the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, in connection with which institution she has also done private nursing. She has also been Charge Nurse at the Toxteth Park Workhouse Infirmary, Liverpool, and Ward Sister at the City Hospital, Birmingham.

Miss Ida E. Bond has been appointed Matron of the Heriot Jumpers' Joint Hospital, South Africa. She at present holds an appointment at the Military Hospital, Standerton.

SISTERS.

Miss A. M. Holleley has been appointed Theatre Sister at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. She was trained for four years at St. Thomas's Hospital, and afterwards held the position of Sister at the English Hospital, Cairo. She has also acted as Holiday Sister at the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, E., and as Charge Nurse, and Night Sister *pro tem.*, at the Brook Fever Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

Miss Kate Oyler has been appointed Theatre Sister at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and for the last twelve months has been Sister at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth.

NURSES.

Miss E. L. Dawes has been appointed Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Woodbridge, Guildford. Her previous experience was obtained at the North-Western Fever Hospital, Hampstead, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

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