

Annotation.

QUEENLY WORDS.

"We Women for Peace."

Queen Alexandra, whose queenly qualities and gracious sympathy with all forms of sorrow and suffering have, from the days when she first set foot on these shores, enshrined her in the hearts of the British people, is a believer in the mission of woman to solve those social problems which at present disturb and perplex the nations.

In an interview accorded at Marseilles to a representative of the *Gauleois*, Her Majesty is reported to have said:—

"Let us not speak of politics. Queens ought to educate their children to occupy an elevated position, which is always difficult, and to solace misfortune and distress. That is their best and most agreeable function. I do not wish for any other. In the present troublous times we cannot really help being moved by the discontent of the masses, which is often natural. Believe me, if the social question be solved one day it will be by feminine virtues manifested in mutual affection and mutual respect for the exercise of justice and charity. You gentlemen speak for war, and we women for peace—peace at home and peace between nations. Having been educated in the school of a King who is profoundly just, I have, like him, only sought to preach affection and charity. I have always been afraid of those warlike preparations which nations continue to make—of soldiers, cannons, and of all that inflammable material that is being accumulated, and which will lead to a terrible conflagration, casting the whole earth into mourning and afflicting our Heavenly Father, the common Father of us all."

It is a noble ideal. Peace between nations based on mutual respect and the exercise of justice, peace in the home based on the mutual affection which women know so well how to foster, and to give in overflowing measure, and peace in our great towns and cities, because woman's wit, if once it is allowed full scope in civic matters, will devise a way of dealing with social problems, not in the aggregate, but with that tenderness and consideration for individuals without which no really good work can be accomplished.

As women fulfil their mission in this respect they will best do the work for which they are best fitted. We nurses at least realise something of the horrors of war and the blessings of peace.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Mrs. Carew Hodge has been appointed Matron of the Passmore Edwards Hospital at Willesden. She was trained at the West Kent Hospital, Maidstone, and also at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and has held the positions of Sister at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, Sister of the Out-Patient Department of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, Sister and Housekeeper at Guy's Hospital, Night Superintendent at Brompton Hospital for Consumptives, Assistant Matron at the Bethel Hospital for the Insane at Norwich, and Matron at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Alice M. Browne has been appointed Matron at the Stamford and Rutland General Infirmary. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she held the position of Sister; she has also held a similar position at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and has acted as Lady Superintendent at the Mothers' Seaside Convalescent Home, Herne Bay, and as Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Miss Louisa B. Freeman has been appointed Matron of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Ashton-in-Makerfield. She was trained at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and also gained experience at the Isolation Hospital of the Chester Infirmary. For four years she worked in connection with the Acland Homes at Oxford, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at King's College Hospital, London. During the enteric epidemic at Worthing she had charge of a large temporary hospital. She has also held the position of Matron at the Borough Hospital, Kidderminster, and at the City of Gloucester Isolation Hospital.

Miss Evelyn Mansel has been appointed Matron of the Children's Hospital, Bradford. She received her training at Charing Cross and Guy's Hospitals, and has held the position of Sister at the Women's Hospital, Soho Square; Nurse Matron at the Cottage Hospitals at Easingwold and Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; and Matron of the Memorial Hospital, Kendal. She has also, as a Queen's Nurse at Southampton, had experience in District Nursing.

Miss Rose Battiscombe Mustard has been appointed Nurse Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Carshalton. She was trained at the General Hospital, Croydon, where she held the position of Night Sister.

Miss A. E. Gillespie has been appointed Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Kingswinford. She was trained at the Fir Vale Infirmary, Sheffield, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Coventry City Hospital, Head Nurse at Cannock Union Infirmary, Nurse Matron at Hinckley Isolation Hospital, and Head Nurse at Ludlow Union Infirmary. She has also had experience in private nursing.

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