

The 10 acres of vegetable gardens will be intensively cultivated. The hospital will produce a considerable part of its dairy requirements, its bacon, and its eggs and poultry.

Ambulances will bring the American wounded from the piers at Southampton. The convalescent soldier will find several miles of sunny or shaded walks without going outside the hospital grounds.

Captain F. Harper Sibley, of the Red Cross, formerly President of the Chamber of Commerce of Rochester, N.Y., who has been in charge of the American Red Cross work at Southampton since April, is supervising the construction of the hospital.

Part of the beds will at first be placed in tents of the Bossoneau type, with windows set in the walls to make them light and airy and a double roof with air-chamber between to insulate them from the heat of the sun. Some of the tents may be retained for convalescents or reserved for emergencies.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:—

- Red Cross Hosp., Chippenham.*—Miss C. L. Still.
Barham Lodge, Weybridge.—Miss E. Redmile.
Dunraven Castle Red Cross Hosp., Bridgend.—Miss P. Palmer.
Hanover Park V.A. Hosp., Peckham.—Miss A. H. Murray.
Weir Hosp., Balham.—Miss C. A. H. Rhodes.
Kingwood Park Hosp., Tunbridge Wells.—Miss C. C. Krelle.
V.A. Hosp., Burnham-on-Crouch.—Miss M. Johnston.
Hosp. for Officers, 16, Bruton Street, W.—Miss E. A. Nurse.
Park House Aux. Hosp., Newbury.—Miss E. Gribben.
Brackenhurst Hall Aux. Mil. Hosp., Southwell.—Miss L. Poole.
Hosp. for Facial Injuries, 24, Norfolk Street.—Miss M. C. Thompson.
6, Kensington Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Miss E. G. Elliott.
Beach Red Cross Hosp., Holyhead.—Miss H. A. G. Hawley.
Victoria Aux. Hosp., Stretfold, Lancs.—Miss E. Rycroft.
V.A. Hosp., Northwood, Middlesex.—Miss M. B. May.
Kempston Red Cross Hosp., Bedford.—Miss K. Aitken.
Officers' Red Cross Hosp., Worsley, Lancs.—Mrs. E. L. Lamb.
De Walden Court, Eastbourne.—Miss M. P. Peter.
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Kempston Red Cross Hosp., Eastbourne.—Miss V. Kendal.
Auxiliary Hosp., Bitterne, Southampton.—Miss M. G. Welch.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., AND AMERICAN NURSES.

A REPLY TO MISS LLOYD STILL AND MISS AMY HUGHES.

The following article appears in the July number of the *American Journal of Nursing* in the Foreign Department, which is in charge of Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses.

A PERIL TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The peril to the independence and professional self-government of English nurses through the College of Nursing, Ltd., of which we have often spoken in these columns, is growing daily more imminent, and it now concerns American nurses more closely to understand this peril, since a very definite attempt is now being made to enlist them in support of the College. The letter in its behalf, which appeared last month in the *Journal*, and the suggestions of re-enforcement of its structure in the invitation to individual Americans to accept associate membership in the College, are indications of this approach, and we think it is highly important that American nurses who may be asked to align themselves in any way with the College should understand that if they do so they will, in effect, no matter how well-meaning and friendly their intentions, be helping to strangle their British Sisters' long, hard efforts to obtain that professional freedom which we Americans have been fortunate enough to obtain for ourselves. No American nurse would knowingly do a thing of this kind. Let us urge them, earnestly, not to do it unknowingly. Let it be remembered that, in the first place, the alumnae association is by no means the accepted starting point of English nursing organization, as in this country. This grouping of graduates by their schools, which we consider so necessary as the first step in self-government, has never been liked by the conservative hospital managers of England and their matrons, and only those nursing schools that came under the influence of Mrs. Fenwick, the late Miss Isla Stewart, and their group of progressives in the Matrons' Council, developed the alumnae association under the name of "Nurses' League."

The historic school at St. Thomas', of which Miss Still is matron (Miss Still is one of the signers of the letter to the Editor in June), has no alumnae association, and would regard the idea with the utmost disapproval. Still less do such conservative matrons tolerate the idea of

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