

which some of the Doctors and Nurses took part; the general consensus of opinion seemed to be in favour of general training combined with the special training, and many of the suggested points were dealt with. As a Bill dealing with Midwives is now before Parliament, the subject is one of much interest, and indeed the efficient training of Obstetric Nurses must always be one of great interest to the public.

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MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE completed her seventieth birthday on the 15th, but a grievous sorrow overshadows the cordial greeting which every woman in the land would like to send. Her sister, Lady Verney, with whom she has for years made her home, was on the day following taken to her last earthly resting place. Among the floral tributes sent was a wreath of everlasting blooms bearing the words, "In remembrance of my sister, beloved and mourned." Her loss will be a terrible blow to Miss Nightingale.

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MISS NIGHTINGALE'S admirers—and their name is Legion—cannot but look back with grateful thankfulness to all the reforms she has inaugurated in our Hospital and Nursing systems since her invaluable work during the Crimean war made her name a household word throughout the British Empire. The book which Mr. Rathbone has just published (Macmillan) on "The History and Progress of District Nursing," dedicated to the Queen, contains a characteristic preface by Miss Nightingale. The devotion of the bulk of the money presented by the women of England on the occasion of the Jubilee to the Queen, to further the work of Nursing, has been a source of the greatest satisfaction to the gifted lady who has given the priceless efforts of a life dedicated to advance the cause of systematic training, qualified assistance, and due provision.

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NEXT to Miss Nightingale few people are better entitled to the honour paid on the 9th at the annual *soirée* of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association than Miss Louisa Twining. After the prizes and gratuities had been presented to the Nurses by the Hon. Mrs. Hardcastle, an address was read to Miss Twining, who, after more than thirty years of active work, is about to leave London. Miss Twining's services have been devoted to Workhouse inmates, and the address touched upon the various reforms which have resulted from her consistent labours—especially in relation to the admission of visitors and the return of women as Poor Law Guardians. Miss Twining made a brief reply, and spoke of Lady

Montagu's efforts to replace the old system of pauper nursing by one of skilled ministrations.

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I AM glad to learn from an esteemed correspondent in South Africa "that two more Nurses from the Hospital, Kimberley, have just been appointed Matrons, and also that three other members of the B.N.A. have obtained Matronships in South Africa, and also that

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MISS SARAH WARREN started for Barberton, which is situated in the De Kaap gold field, last month. The Hospital in question is almost quite new, and is beautifully arranged and fitted. It contains twenty-five beds, and the staff consists of a Matron, two Staff Nurses, and one Nursing pupil, besides several native servants. The Board intend to enlarge the Hospital very much during the ensuing year.

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MY readers will be interested to hear that the Matron receives in salary £120 per annum, that the town of Barberton is nice and pretty, and the Hospital finely situated, commanding a lovely view towards the mountains. Miss Warren received her training in Kimberley Hospital, and for three years had been in charge of the Lanyon Ward there.

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I FURTHER hear "that Miss Amy Mackay has been appointed Matron at the Frere Hospital, East London, Cape Colony, on the banks of the Buffalo River. The Hospital there is also very pretty, but much less 'finished' in its arrangements than Barberton. It contains from twenty to twenty-five beds, and the staff consists of a Matron, with two assistants and several servants, and they seem to have a farm, as one hears reports of five cows, two calves, chickens and eggs, and other things. The East London is a most lovely place, and contains many kind and friendly people. Miss Mackay has worked in Hospitals in England for many years, notably Leicester, and came from there a year ago to be Staff Nurse at Kimberley Hospital, and in three months' time succeeded in being appointed first in charge of Goutney Ward. The salary is over £120 per annum. Miss Mackay will be remembered as being one of the *first* Members of the B.N.A., and is on the Council of that Association."

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"MISS LUCY AISBITT has been appointed Matron at Jagersfontein, O.F.S. The Matron left last November, and the Sister-in-charge of the Kimberley Hospital was asked to appoint a Matron. One of the Kimberley Nurses took charge meanwhile. Miss Lucy Aisbitt came out in February.

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