

sarily be a long time before we can possess any direct evidence of any value on this point." * * *

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK is taking, I hear, great interest in the Volunteer Nurses' Scheme, and has in consequence postponed her journey to America until the 24th inst., when she will leave Liverpool on the "Umbria." I hear that her American Nursing Sisters are going to give her a right royal welcome, and it will be universally acknowledged that she is a worthy representative of English Nurses, as she possesses in an extraordinary degree the "vim" which our transatlantic neighbours so much admire. * * *

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, says *The Lancet*, forwarded a letter to the late Secretary of State for India regarding the improvement of village sanitation in order to see whether something could not be done to overcome the financial difficulties connected with practical sanitary work in villages. It will be remembered that the subject of village sanitation in India occupied the attention of that section of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, and Miss NIGHTINGALE took it up in connection with the representations of the Congress and the Bombay Sanitation Act of 1889. There is no doubt that reasonable sanitation is one of the first necessities of village life, but the poverty of the people and their religious and social prejudices are great obstacles success. However, Miss NIGHTINGALE'S letter with its enclosures has been forwarded for the consideration of the Governments of India and Bombay. * * *

THE visit of the Czar and Czarina to the Cholera Hospitals in St. Petersburg have provoked the wildest enthusiasm and praise from all classes in Russia. It appears that the Czar not only spoke words of encouragement and sympathy to the sufferers, but shook hands with many of them, while the Empress kissed a Sister of Charity who had contracted the disease while nursing the sick. * * *

It is with great regret that we notice that news has come from India of the death of Miss MAUD MANSEL, of the Indian Nursing Service, from cholera, on August 7th. Miss MANSEL was the youngest sister of Mrs. CHEADLE (late Queen's Inspector of Nursing), and was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and also at the Central Home of the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association, 23, Bloomsbury Square. After working in several districts of the Metropolis, she was sent as the pioneer of District Nursing to Bishop Auckland, where for some time she laboured single handed amongst the sick poor of that town and neighbourhood, thereby greatly overtaxing her strength. The late Dr. LIGHTFOOT, Bishop of Durham

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speaking of her work there, at a meeting in the Town Hall, said:—

"She has laboured assiduously, laboured to the detriment of her health, and caught a somewhat dangerous fever in her work. Thank God, she recovered and came amongst us. I can speak freely in her praise. I am not at all afraid that I shall appear to anyone—certainly not to anyone who has experienced the advantage of her services—to exaggerate in what I say of her. Miss MANSEL'S presence has been a most beneficent influence among us."

Early in the present year Miss MANSEL left England for India (having accepted an appointment in the Indian Nursing Service), where she nursed in the Hospitals at Peshawar and Lucknow, until stricken down with cholera on the morning of Sunday, August 7th. She died at five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. * * *

THE Metropolitan Asylums Board's temporary Fever Hospital at Tottenham is about to be opened for the reception of patients, and trained Nurses requiring work will do well to apply to the Sister Superior, St. John's House, Norfolk Street, Strand, who has undertaken the Nursing of the Institution in connection with the Asylum's Board. It is not at all likely that the great number of scarlet fever cases will decrease at this time of year, and, owing to enforced registration of infectious diseases, the accommodation at the disposal of the Board is quite inadequate, although they have managed wonderfully well to cope with the increase of work so far. * * *

MISS KATE MARSDEN is at present staying at Hastings preparing a book on her travels, which will be published in the autumn by Messrs. SAMPSON LOW, MARSTON & Co. It will contain a full account of her experiences on the road to Siberia. Miss MARSDEN starts shortly for the United States, in order there to arouse sympathy for the lepers' cause. * * *

THE *Pall Mall* keeps *au fait* with Nursing matters at the London Hospital, and as yet has little to report which is calculated to raise the House Committee of that antidiluvian Institution, in the opinion of just and progressive citizens, to judge from the following "pars":—

YESTERDAY'S Court of the London Hospital was the first held since the issue of the report of the House of Lords Committee on Metropolitan Hospitals; and it was inevitable that something should be said on the nursing question. Mr. John Henry Buxton, who was in the chair, announced that a series of recommendations on Hospital management, not, however, of any great importance, were under the consideration of the committee. There is only one exception to be taken to this statement. The Lords' recommendations cannot, at least on the main subject of the treatment of the Nurses, be dismissed as of slight importance. The contrast between what the Lords recommend and the actual condition of Nurses' work at the London Hospital—improved as they undoubtedly are

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