

impossible for them to do so unless they receive the necessary funds. If they do open a home, I am confident that it will do incalculable good, and that once started it will receive liberal support from the wealthy merchants, European and Asiatic, who reside in Rangoon. A proof of this has been already received—an English resident hearing of the proposed Home having generously offered to give 20 acres of ground as a site for it. This offer, coming from a gentleman who resides in Rangoon, proves unmistakably that the great need which exists for such an Institution is recognised in that City, and it will be a very great pity indeed if, through want of funds, no advantage can be taken of it.

The Home would be conducted on the same lines as the one which the Mission to Lepers in India supports in Mandalay. That excellent Home was started by the energy of the Rev. W. R. Winston, of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, who, being struck by the pitiable condition of lepers in that City, collected funds, and had the place built previous to his departure from the country on furlough. Upon his successor, the Rev. A. H. Bestall, fell the duty of gathering in the first inmates, and this he did by going himself to their haunts and persuading them to enter the Home. Now, knowing and thoroughly appreciating its advantages, they come in willingly, and at the present time there are over 50 inmates.

A Home at Rangoon would undoubtedly be as successful as the one at Mandalay, and I trust sincerely that all who can, will contribute speedily to this most worthy object, addressing their communications to Wellesley C. Bailey, Esq., Secretary and Superintendent of the Mission to Lepers in India, 17, Glengyle Terrace, Edinburgh.

Notes and News.

OUR Supplement Engraving this week is of Miss LUMSDEN, the greatly respected Matron of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

As we go to press, we learn from the telegraphic news in our contemporaries, that at the formal opening of the Chicago Exhibition, which took place on Monday, "great interest centred in the addresses given by representative women of Europe. These were delivered by the Duchess of VERAGUA, on behalf of Spain; by the Countess BRAZZA, on behalf of Italy; by Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, on behalf of England; by the Countess of ABERDEEN, speaking in the name of Scotland and Ireland; and by the Princess SCHACHOFFSKY, representing Russia." British Nurses will esteem it no slight honour to their profession that one of their leaders should thus have been selected to speak for the women of England on this international and historical occasion, and those who have the pleasure

of knowing Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, will feel sure that England was worthily represented. The Duchess of VERAGUA and her husband, who is a direct descendant from COLUMBUS, are the special guests of the American nation at this celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the New World. Lady ABERDEEN, whose husband has just been appointed Governor General of Canada, has done most, if not all, of the work which will, it is believed, make the Irish Section of the Exhibition a conspicuous success.

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I HEAR that Miss ELY, late of the Y.W.C.A. Central Institute, proposes to open, on June 1st, a Residential Home for Private Nurses in Norfolk Crescent, Hyde Park. She has favoured me with her scale of charges, which appear to be very moderate. It is quite a feature of the age—the manner in which these Homes for Nurses are springing up on all sides. They, undoubtedly, meet a great want.

THE report of the Stirling Nursing Association for the last year gives evidence of excellent work well done. The speech made by one of the medical speakers is, curiously typical of the speeches made by other medical men in connection with similar Nursing Institutions all over the country. Dr. GIBSON said that he had not had much opportunity of seeing the work of the Nurse, but he had heard excellent testimony borne on all hands as to her valuable services, and many patients had testified their gratitude to her for the kind attention she had shewn them. As a medical man he felt very grateful to the Association, for they all knew what a blessing to the sick an intelligent, trained, and skilful Nurse was, and how helpful to the physician. The Association was providing this help for the poor, and he did feel that in this work they were following in the footsteps of Christ. In his early days he had a good deal to do in ministering to the poor of Stirling ere they had a legal assessment for the poor, and there was a remarkable kindness and neighbourliness among their poorer brethren then, one to another, which was most helpful in times of

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