

of the *Pall Mall Gazette* from Umtali). Both Sisters were most seriously ill with malarial fever, lying helpless in a hut waited on by native boys, there being no native women available. On the night of April 16 they were so bad that Dr. WILSON decided on sitting up all night with them. In the middle of the night a strange sound as of an animal bounding on the roof of the hut, was heard, shortly afterwards the door of the hut, a cottage door, the upper half of which was partly open, rattled, and Miss BLENNERHASSETT called out that there was "a great black thing" on the top of the door. The doctor looked up, went hastily to the door, and slammed the top rather violently. He easily persuaded the sisters that nothing was there, as Miss SLEEMAN was nearly insensible, and Miss BLENNERHASSETT delirious. In point of fact, a large leopard had tried to get through the roof, and not succeeding, had sprung upon the open upper half of the door. The creature's head and claws were on the top of the door, and he was drawing himself up to drop into the hut when the doctor's presence of mind saved the situation. What would have happened had the Sisters been alone and helpless, as they were for so many nights, it is dreadful to imagine. I hear that both are recovering.

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A THOROUGHLY well-deserved tribute of appreciation, says the *Grantham Journal*, in the form of a subscription purse, is in progress, for presentation to the noble woman who has acted as Nurse at the Bourne Hospital during the late small-pox epidemic. For some time she performed the work single-handed, and her invariable gentleness, no less than her ability, has won not only the gratitude of her patients, but the unstinted praise of all who know what the dangerous work, voluntarily undertaken, has been. She has throughout spared herself no labour, and has fulfilled her duties with a degree of cheerfulness and thoroughness that could not be surpassed.

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MISS EMMA MARIA PEARSON, whose death occurred a few days since at Florence after a long illness, was a lady who gained considerable reputation during the war between France and Germany in 1870-71, when she volunteered her services in nursing the sick and wounded at Sedan, at Paris, and afterwards at Orleans, having been sent out by the Red Cross Society under the auspices of the Order of St. John. She afterwards was employed in the same capacity in Servia. She was the elder daughter of the late Captain Charles Pearson,

R.N., of Great Yarmouth. She was a frequent contributor to English literature, and especially to the *St. James's Magazine* in its palmy days, and the author of a small volume published many years ago under the title of "From Rome to Mentana." For her services abroad she received medals and other decorations from Germany, France, and Servia.

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MISS SUSAN M. WORTHINGTON, M.R.B.N.A., has lately finished the lectures on Home-Nursing which she gave for 12 weeks in Sussex last year, and again in East Sussex from October to January, and now from March to June in Somerset. The classes have been well attended, and Miss WORTHINGTON has received from both counties most cordial invitations to return in the autumn when the work of Technical Education is resumed.

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AT one of the recent meetings of the Town Council of Glastonbury a letter was read from the Lord Mayor of London with regard to the supply of trained Nurses in view of a possible outbreak of cholera, and the Council wisely decided to be prepared in case of the dread pestilence visiting our town. Dr. BLAKISTON, the Medical Officer of Health, was instructed to advise the Council as to the best means to be applied for carrying the Lord Mayor's letter into effect, and that gentleman recommended them to try and get volunteers for nursing; such volunteers to be admitted free to the course of lessons on Home-Nursing given by Miss WORTHINGTON, M.R.B.N.A., in the Town Hall, in connection with the Technical Education Committee, and to a special lesson on Cholera-Nursing. The Doctor's recommendation was adopted.—The Home-Nursing lessons were concluded on Tuesday last. The whole of the course has been very largely attended, the lessons becoming more popular as they proceeded, and the Hall has been filled by attentive lady listeners. At the close of the last lesson on Tuesday evening the Rev. C. GRANT, R.D., entered the room and proposed a vote of thanks to Miss WORTHINGTON for her very interesting and useful course of lectures, which, from all he had heard, were very popular, and had been largely attended and much appreciated, and he ventured to express the hope that they might again see Miss WORTHINGTON amongst them at some future time.—The special lesson on Cholera-Nursing was given by Miss WORTHINGTON at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of the ladies of the town.

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