

whole staff of servants, who are more bother than the patient. We have 8 sepoys as wardmen, 2 sweepers, 1 sweeper woman, a Hindu cook, a cook for ourselves, 2 ayahs, a chocra or boy, and a dhobi—an important functionary who does the washing, and who ran away early yesterday morning. My assistant is an Eurasian, who has only had maternity training, but can speak English, so I have to get at things through her. It is a strange life to lead, but I must possess my soul in patience, and hope for more work presently, I suppose.

Miss Robinson having lived in India many years before training, and knowing the ways of Government, was no end of use to us, and helped us in every way.

I have been enquiring about the appliances for the sick, and Dr. Britto, our visiting surgeon, says he thinks the money subscribed could not be better applied than in giving cots or beds to this Reay Road Hospital. I wish you could see these cots; they cost about 2s. 6d. They are made of rough sticks of wood on four rough legs, and galvanised netting tied to the sides and ends with weak cocoanut twine. As soon as patients are put on them down they lie in the middle and they cannot be drawn up. They are uncomfortable in the extreme, especially as they have only a "chattie" mat of palm leaves woven, with one cotton blanket next and one sheet, one straw pillow for the head, sheet and similar blanket. What a boon cane-bottomed cots would be to our poor patients. They have them in the Arthur Road Hospital. We can get them out here for about 3s. 6d. each. The doctor says if you would care to send out the money he would see you had vouchers for every rupee laid out. Here we only get Rs. 16 to £1. We want real blankets and warm clothing for the convalescents, only this is difficult to get in England, as one caste will only wear one thing, and another something else. It is very difficult to work out here; willingness is no good at all, owing to the eternal difficulties of caste. We have slipper bed pans, and the simplest appliances, but Dr. Britto is going to set up a dispensary here, so I think we shall have enough of ordinary things, as really less is needed than I imagined.

We all hope you are quite well now, and were none the worse for coming to see us off and cheer us up. The deck chairs were a great boon. I am going up to the "Home" now, to fetch mine, with a huge sepoy in beautiful white to guard me.

Yours very sincerely,

A. J.

[We have forwarded the money subscribed, in reply to our appeal for nursing comforts for the plague-stricken, to our correspondent, directing her to use it as she thinks best.—ED.]

Appointments.

MISS COOPER has been appointed matron of the Crewkerne Cottage Hospital. Miss Cooper comes from Peterborough, and takes with her an assistant. The Crewkerne Cottage Hospital has fourteen beds; the town, though only having a population of about 5,000, is a busy one, as there are various factories, in which many work-people are employed, and, as the little hospital is the only one available for the townspeople and surrounding villages, the beds are usually full. The hospital was founded by the late Robert Bird, who, as owner of one of the largest factories, realised fully the need of such an institution. We understand that a scheme for an operating theatre, which will conform to modern requirements, is under contemplation as a local memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Some good surgical work has of late been done in this hospital, so it is to be hoped that this idea may be carried out.

Miss E. Hallam has been appointed matron of the Convalescent Home for Women and Children, New Brighton. Miss Hallam has lately held the post of sister at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, at which institution she received her training.

Sister Bricknell, of the Prince Alfred Hospital, New South Wales, has been appointed matron of the Denelequin Hospital. Miss Bricknell has had an eight years' experience in the Prince Alfred Hospital, and as sister of a ward obtained the confidence of the authorities for the excellence of her work in this responsible position. During her probationary days Miss Bricknell distinguished herself in each of the three grades, and gained the highest prize in each.

Sister Pope, of the same institution, has obtained the important post of matron of the Rydaliner Hospital for the Insane. Miss Pope also distinguished herself in her career at the Prince Alfred Hospital, and there is every reason to congratulate the authorities of the Rydaliner Hospital on the selection they have made. The Prince Alfred Hospital has obtained a very high position as a training school, and we are not, therefore, surprised to learn that both these important vacancies have been filled by ladies from this institution. It appears that the colonies are getting ahead of us in the mother country, in requiring that the nursing of their hospitals for the insane should be supervised by ladies who have received general training.

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