

AND then imagine what happens when the single nurse falls ill. Of course she ought to be nursed, but who is to nurse her, and who is to look after the many patients who she knows need her care? There is no one, and so, as long as she is able, she sits up in bed, sends for bottles from the dispensary containing the drugs which go to make the prescription which she knows she ought to take, makes up medicine for herself and others, and exercises a general supervision from her bed, or perhaps gets up out of it to attend to some patient who urgently needs her care, until she herself is entirely incapacitated, and a journey down to the coast in a hammock, and thence to the Zanzibar Hospital is the result, where probably the fiat goes forth that she must be invalided home to England, with slender hope of return to her adopted country. A country which can ill afford to lose her, and to which she might have been spared had more help been forthcoming.

AN up-country nurse has some strange tales to tell also of the way in which the native mind interprets her instructions with regard to medicines. Of course the majority of natives cannot read, and though the orders given may be most precise, yet native zeal sometimes goes on the principle that it is impossible to have too much of a good thing, and disposes of six doses in the time allotted to two with dire result. The story is told of one patient upon whom it was impressed that he was to take the medicine given to him "marra tatu, killa siku" (three times a day), who returned immediately in triumph with an empty bottle, and upon being questioned stated that he wanted to get well quickly, so he had taken it all at once.

WE in this country are apparently losing our faith in vaccination, but not so the African. Well he knew the ravages caused by small-pox and the immunity enjoyed by the vaccinated, and he is a firm believer in it. One man who has been vaccinated, by the nurse, as usual, there is no one else to perform the operation, will return with a crowd of twelve recruits, all clamouring for like treatment, and the disappointment is deep when the lymph gives out and some of the party have to wait until a fresh supply arrives from England.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, there was a pleasant surprise for the Rev. Dr. Dickens, who presided, the ladies present presenting him with \$25,000 for a new Nurses' Home. The Home will be fitted with every modern appliance, will be erected near the Hospital, and will accommodate about eighty nurses.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



BY command of the Queen, who is patron of the Up-country Nursing Association for Europeans in India, Sir Fleetwood Edwards has forwarded to the Hon. Mrs. Neville Lyttelton, Honorary Treasurer, a donation from her Majesty of £30 to the funds of the Association.

A ball in aid of the Convalescent Home for the London Hospital, which it proposed to establish on the Kentish coast, will take place at the Hotel Cecil, on Thursday, April 20th. The preliminary arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. J. A. Spender, 29, Cheyne Walk, who has already received substantial promises of help, and Miss Gully, Speaker's House, House of Commons, from whom all information can be obtained.

An opportunity offers for the present time for taking a house admirably situated in the neighbourhood of Herne Bay. The cost of furnishing and adapting is estimated at £500, and the annual expenses, including rent, at £800. Not only convalescents, but patients with open wounds who would benefit by the sea air, will be received. A small staff of nurses will, therefore, be maintained at the Home. Contributions are invited both towards the expenses of furnishing and also for future maintenance.

The Bazaar for the Charing Cross Hospital, which is being organised by the Duchess of Sutherland and Mrs. Arthur Paget, bids fair to be one of the chief social events of the season. It will be held at Niagara on June 21st and 22nd, and the charge for admission on the first day will be £1 for the opening ceremony, and 10s. 6d. later in the day. It is proposed to have 24 stalls, each representing a different country, or the more fanciful regions of Stageland, Bookland, Flowerland, etc. The stall-holders will be influential ladies who should be able to do much to make the bazaar a success, and liberal and costly gifts have already been received from West End tradesmen. Communications concerning the Bazaar should be addressed to Mrs. Arthur Paget, 35, Belgrave Square, S.W.

The Honorary Secretaries of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have received the very generous subscription of £1,000 from Lord Mount-Stephen with a letter stating that it is his Lordship's present intention to contribute the like sum annually. This is the second annual subscription of £1,000 from private donors, the first like amount having been contributed since the commencement of the fund by the Hon. W. Waldorf Astor.

The Lady Dufferin Victoria Hospital for Women in Calcutta is a very beautiful one. Its floors are of marble, its walls of white tiles, and all the appliances of the most modern description. Miss Church, M.D.,

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