

**The Hospital World.****THE BULUWAYO HOSPITAL.**

THE Buluwayo Hospital, for the illustration of which we are indebted to *South Africa*, has an interesting history. The first hospital consisted merely of a group of thatched huts built of sun-burnt bricks, but the rapid growth of the town soon made better accommodation an urgent necessity. In 1894 it was decided to build an adequate hospital as a memorial to those who fell in the war of 1893; and the scheme met with such hearty support that a substantial building was completed in the spring of 1895, but in less than a year the resources of this hospital were so heavily taxed, during the Matabele rebellion, that temporary additional wards were hastily erected. At this time also

of the institution consist of a surgeon and assistant surgeon, and a Matron, assisted by a staff of certificated nurses and probationers. The members of the Medical Committee, who are elected by the Hospital Board from members of the visiting staff, take turns in visiting the hospital daily for a week, when they act as consultants to the resident surgeon, and assist at any operations which may be performed. All qualified medical practitioners in Rhodesia have the right, under certain conditions, to admit into, and to attend private patients in the hospital. There is ample accommodation for such patients. Out-patients are practically non-existent.

It is hoped, when funds permit, to add another ward, as well as students' quarters, and a mortuary. Both these additions are very necessary to structural completeness.

It is difficult to overestimate the value to the



the hospital was fortified and guarded night and day. In 1897 it was handed over to the public of Buluwayo, and is now managed by a Board on which the Government (the British South African Company) is represented, and rightly, for it makes a grant of no less than £3,600 per annum towards the maintenance of the hospital. On the restoration of peace the town once more rapidly developed, and it again became necessary to enlarge the hospital. It was decided to raise a Fund for this object in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and once more generous aid was received from the Government. The result was that, in January of last year, two substantial wards were completed and named the "Victoria" and the "Grey." A large native ward of wood and iron was also built, and a laundry was added, while the nurses' quarters were improved and renovated. The resident staff

community in a distant colony of a hospital in its midst. Whilst we at home realize the benefit of trained nursing, abroad this is greatly increased, for there are amongst colonists, as a rule, no spare sisters and aunts to look after the sick, and a man ill in his own house, and dependent entirely upon servants—if servants are to be had—is most desolate. After a spell of such discomfort it is welcome indeed to be removed to the wards of a well ordered hospital, there to receive skilful medical and nursing care, and to revel in the atmosphere of order and homeliness which a good nurse infuses into her surroundings. It is not too much to say that many valuable lives have been saved in our Colonial Empire, where hospitals have been established. That the Government realizes the benefit conferred by the Buluwayo Hospital, is proved by the substantial help which it bestows upon it.

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