

a member of the Church of England and of the University of Oxford, it gives me especial pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking the Universities' Mission here for what they have done for East Africa, and I would specially refer to the ladies of the hospital staff, whose devoted kindness to me and to Lady Hardinge have alleviated our sufferings in time of fever."

THE Matron of this Hospital is Miss Brewerton, a member of the Matrons' Council, and the whole-hearted way in which she devotes herself to furthering the interests of the hospital, and the efficient care of the sick, is the admiration of all who are acquainted with her work. Her endeavours are ably seconded by a nursing staff of which any hospital might be proud, and we are glad that Her Majesty's representative in East Africa has publicly testified to the value of their work, done under conditions at all times trying, and demanding at times a degree of heroism.

THERE was a large gathering at the Town Hall, Bombay, on November 14th, when her Excellency Lady Northcote presented the diploma and badge of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem to three plague nurses. The platform was beautifully decorated, and a most influential audience was present.

MR. REDDIE, Hon. Secretary of St. George's Hospital, in opening the proceedings, said that in November, 1896, the first known European case of plague came to St. George's Hospital. Nurse Leavers was the first to volunteer to nurse it, but Nurse Leavers was not the only one who volunteered. Out of the twenty or so nurses who took up the work the names of Winckler, Parsons, Madden, Macdonald, Walshe, Rigg, Goodall, Thomson, Bowman, Mullen, Warren, and Butchard were familiar to most of them. They all worked splendidly not only in St. George's Hospital compound, but also at Arthur Road, Thana, Cutch-Mandvie, and wherever they were sent. They asked for no promotion, there was no extra pay, and no inducement of any sort was offered. From the Cama Hospital some eight nurses were employed, and the names of nurses Goulden, Nesbitt, and Miss Atkinson stand out conspicuous by the work they did. Miss Atkinson, now Lady Superintendent of the Training School at the Cama Hospital, was, at the special request of the late Rev. Mother Gladys, put in charge of Arthur Road Hospital, February-March, 1898, after the six Sisters of All Saints had gone there, and there was hardly another hospital, where heavier work was experienced. Nurse Nesbitt was stricken with plague herself after working an entire year from February, 1897, to January, 1898. She for-

tunately recovered and is now on duty in Rangoon.

THE Jamsetjee Jeebhoy Hospital nurses nobly responded to the demand for volunteers and some eight nurses were employed in native hospitals for months, until relieved by their English Sisters. In 1898 it was found necessary to employ English Sisters in place of the nurses belonging to the local hospitals, as the staffs were weakened, the heavy sickness, and the demand for outside nursing was such that the private nursing staff had to revert to their legitimate duties.

As to the particular work done by the recipients of the Order, the fact that Miss Green is Superintendent of the Lady Nurses at Parel, and that she arrived in October, 1897, did duty till February, 1898, at Arthur Road Hospital, and then up to April, 1898, at the Maratha Hospital shows she has had practical experience of the horrors of plague nursing, and is justly entitled to the honour conferred on her. Sister Mary Edith, who was trained at University College Hospital, was one of the first volunteers, and in January went to the Parsee Hospital and subsequently to Arthur Road, and there she remained until the end of April. Nurse Remy, who is now Matron of the Bai Motlibai Hospital, after nursing in the Arthur Road Hospital and Police Hospitals, went to Cutch-Mandvie from the end of April to July. In a little over two months, Nurse Remy, along with the three other nurses, attended 1,200 cases of plague. The work was of a most trying character, but for all that they never relaxed their duties, their gentle manners won the confidence of all, and there is no doubt these nurses (who included Nurse Madden, Nurse Nesbitt, Nurse Savile, and Nurse More) deserved the gratitude of the sick and the thanks of the State.

THE Chapter, whilst acknowledging the splendid services rendered by all, could not confer the Order on every one. After careful consideration, and backed by the influence of Lord Sandhurst, General Gatacre, Lieutenant-Colonel Arnott, and Mr. Forrest the Chapter decided that Sister Mary Edith, Nurse Remy, and Nurse Leavers should be made Honorary Serving Sisters, and the Order for the latter will be forwarded through the India Office in due course. Nurse Leavers was the first to volunteer to nurse plague in St. George's Hospital, and all those who were present at the fire, which occurred at Mody Khana Hospital in 1898, would bear witness to the heroism she then displayed, and he was glad she was present that day to learn that public opinion endorses the decision of the Chapter.

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