

should call his son Buller, so now the black baby goes by the name of Picaninny Buller. We have heard the firing a good deal lately, three Sundays running, all the morning we heard the guns and pom-poms only 6 to 8 miles away. A few days ago we had two shells fired over our heads, straight over the hospital, from a big gun on a hill behind us, it made us jump, as we heard the whizzing of the shell about us. Some of the Boers were coming in too near Standerton. It often fires when we least expect it. There was a sad accident a little up the line some days ago. While loading a gun with a lyddite shell, it exploded, killed one gunner, and five badly hurt were sent down here. Two died on the way, and three are in now, one is wounded all over the body, with pieces of iron and splinters, which are still in, and difficult to get out. They say in England the war is over, but it does not seem like it here. What a sad Christmas this will have been in many homes, and the worst is, I am afraid, a great many more will be sacrificed. Yet the enteric season is here once more, and the number of deaths increasing every week. We had four deaths on Christmas Eve, which somehow always seems such a sad time to die. The men had a tea and concert on Christmas Day, those convalescent enough to go to it, and I had two or three in the night the worse for it. I am putting two little amateur photographs in my letter. The one of the camp gives you a very poor idea of it. You can only see a little bit of it, and that part even has been added to, the lines made longer. The other is my tent, which I have now lived in nine months. I forget what it is like to live in a house. The kitten is De Wet, a regular little rogue, and as it often lives in my tent was photographed with me, but belongs to another sister.

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### The Case of Miss M. Rogers R.B.N.A.

Upon being informed of the suspension of Miss Rogers by the East Preston Guardians, the Local Government Board immediately informed the clerk to the Guardians that they had not power to suspend the Superintendent Nurse, and a copy of the Commission having also been forwarded to Miss Rogers, she at once returned to the infirmary to resume her duties—but was refused by the Master of the Workhouse, permission to do so. However after a warning from Miss Rogers' solicitors she was allowed to resume duty.

In the communication from the Local Government Board they further informed the Guardians that an enquiry would be held on February 5th into the questions in dispute by Mr. J. S. Davy Inspector for the South East District and Dr. A. Fuller of the Medical Department of the Local Government Board.

We feel sure Miss Rogers has the sympathy of our readers in the stand she is making, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the result of the enquiry will be to define the status of a Superintendent Nurse—so that it may encourage women of education and ability to apply for such positions under the Poor Law. Meanwhile we must not forget that the fight is a very unfair one, the Guardians have the rate payers' purse to exploit, and Miss Rogers to find her own funds. The opinion is expressed by some of our readers that, as a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, Miss Rogers has the right to expect help from this professional body—may be so—but we fear it is a broken reed for her to rely upon.

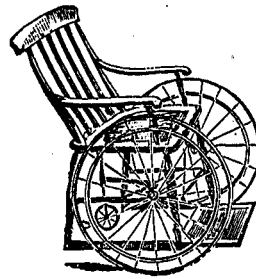
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