

and tastes, were unsuitable for the position which they fill—a position demanding women of very exceptional qualities of mind and experience of the world—and that the result in more than one instance has been eminently unsatisfactory.

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IN another column will be found, and read with pleasure and instruction, 'a short paper by Miss CATHERINE G. LOCH, R.R.C., senior Lady Superintendent of the Indian Army Service, a lady who has worked in its ranks since the inauguration of the service in 1888, and gained for herself universal respect and confidence, by the admirable tact, discretion, and efficiency with which she has performed her duties, and whose opinions, will be received with the greatest respect.

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WE cull the following extract from "A Brief Survey of the Hygienic and Sanitary Section of the World's Fair, Chicago," by Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY, as we feel it will be gratifying to those Nurses who worked so hard to make the Nursing Section a success:—

"The British Nursing Section includes a very complete collection of sick-room furniture, hospital uniforms, invalid appliances and comforts for institution, district, and home use, and is an admirable type of what such an exhibit should be. The growth and development of Nursing from a crude art into a completed science is very strikingly shewn; while many interesting relics and mementoes of Florence Nightingale, Sister Dora, and other pioneers of skilled nursing, lend a personal interest to the Exhibit which is one of its most attractive features. The President of this Department, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is much to be congratulated on having contributed to the Fair so scientific and advanced a presentment of the modern Art of Nursing."

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THE present state of affairs in South Africa will give special interest to a book, striking in itself, which Messrs. MacMillan & Co., have just published. This is "Adventures in Mashonaland by Two Hospital Nurses," Miss R. B. BLENNERHASSET and Miss LUCY SLEEMAN, better known in Mashonaland as Sisters AIMÉE and LUCY. They were the first white women to penetrate into Mashonaland, and for upwards of two years they resided there, acting as Nurses. The Sisters had not left home so far behind that they forgot to keep a diary. Down in this diary went an account of their daily lives, their observations of the natives, their interviews with such celebrities as Mr. CECIL RHODES, Mr. SELOUS, the hunter, and the King of MANICA. This diary, together with a liberal correspondence addressed to friends in England, makes a basis for what is an interesting as well as opportune volume.

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As may be imagined, their life was no sinecure; many of those they nursed, and had come to regard as

friends, succumbed to fever or casualty. The sad death of Mr. M. P. BOWDEN, the cricketer, took place in the very hot weather; so hot that it was necessary to keep the doors and windows of the room, where he lay, wide open, and a man with a loaded revolver sat there all night to protect the corpse from wild beasts. The book will, of course, be widely read and enjoyed by all Nurses.

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FROM Melbourne, Miss L. MASSLAND writes:—"I cannot close my letter without saying how *delighted* we members of the Royal British Nurses' Association feel at having gained the Royal Charter; it is, indeed, a triumph for our Association, and is, I believe, more appreciated by those members far from home."

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FROM Naini Tal, N.W.P., India, also comes a letter from Miss McVITIE, expressing sincere gratification at this honour bestowed upon the Association, of which she has always been a most loyal member.

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AN Indian correspondent writes from Bombay:—

"One of the native Nurses of the Cama Hospital, "Chaltoo," has just passed a most satisfactory examination in Nursing and Midwifery, and taken a first-class certificate. This girl's career is rather a romantic one; the daughter of the Abyssinian chief, she was taken captive whilst at a short distance from her own home by some Arabs, hurried with a party of other prisoners to the coast, and put on board a native dhow. They had been at sea about two days when they were sighted by an English ship on the look-out for slavers, boarded, and, after a short fight, the order of things was reversed—the Arabs became prisoners, and their slaves free. Chaltoo and her companions were brought on to India, where she and some others of her own age were admitted to a missionary school at Nassick. From there, she came to learn Nursing at "The Cama." And now, after an interval of five years (during which time she has learnt to speak Marathi, Hindustani, and to understand English thoroughly well), she is returning to her native country to work in a Hospital at Mombasa. In appearance her features are not of the African type, but regular and pleasing; the hair only betrays her origin."

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MISS BARKER, who has been trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and held the post of Night Superintendent, is about to open a Private Home Hospital in Aberdeen. We much regret to hear that Miss RENNIE is retiring owing to ill-health. Two certificated members of the Bartholomew's Nursing Staff will accompany Miss BARKER, and we feel sure they will find a sphere of great usefulness in their new work.

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WE regret to hear that a Nurse has lately died at the London Hospital, of typhoid fever, and that others of the nursing staff are suffering from the same disease.

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