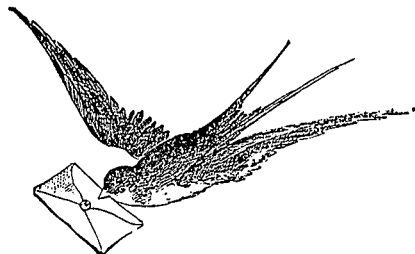


OUR special South African correspondent writes: "The annual examinations of the Kimberley Hospital took place in November. The Nurses did unusually well, for although the standard was raised to half marks on every paper for a pass, there was only one plucked on one paper in both classes, many Nurses getting almost full marks. The subjects were anatomy, physiology, elementary surgery, medicine, antiseptics (a whole course of lectures being given by Dr. Fuller on this subject), and practical Nursing, Dr. Mackenzie and Dr. Ash giving particularly valuable courses on the other subjects. Sister Henrietta took practical Nursing and Monthly Nursing; Miss Howell gained the Staff Nurses first prize, presented by Dr. Mackenzie, and the gold medal given by the Town Council; Miss Hilda Cloete the prize presented by Dr. Smith. These two took the first and second pupils prizes last year. Miss Ritchie gained the first prize for pupils, given by Dr. Smith; and Miss Perry the second prize for pupils, presented by Dr. Mackenzie.

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"On the 8th November, the Mayor of KIMBERLEY gave away the prizes. Miss GATHONY, a lady making a tour through South Africa and giving entertainments in Mr. CORNEY GRAIN'S style, kindly offered to perform at the Hospital. Shortly after five o'clock on a fearfully hot afternoon, patients and Nurses and visitors crowded the large dining-hall in Merriman Ward, the consulting staff were kind enough to be present, and many old and tried friends, especially the Archdeacon of KIMBERLEY and Mrs. GAUL, Mrs. JUDGE, Mrs. WATKINS, Mrs. MACKENZIE, &c., &c.; Miss GATHONY played "For Charity's sake," amidst great applause. The MAYOR then congratulated Miss HOWELL on her success, and gave her the beautiful medal with the Corporation Arms, in its dear little Morocco box. He then spoke kindly of the advantage of training, not only for Nurses, but for all women who have to come out from the safe shelter of home to help in the work of the world. He spoke warmly of the training given to many women by the Sisterhood of St. Michael and All Angels, and of the high and important places filled by women so trained, not only in Cape Colony, but throughout South Africa; and urged the Nurses now being trained in this Hospital to carry on the work begun by others. He then presented the other prizes, and Miss GATHONY gave a short piece, "Mrs. Gushaway's Children," which brought down the house—the Hospital children and the native patients especially enjoying it. The company then adjourned to the Nurses' Home to tea, much admiring the flowery quadrangle and gay little Nurses' rooms, and enjoying the good things provided by Miss GORDON in the common room.



Our Dutch Letter.

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THE DUTCH ASSOCIATION FOR TREATMENT
OF THE SICK.
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IN the first place, I have the honour of introducing myself to the readers of the NURSING RECORD. I am "Hollandia," and charged with the most agreeable task of informing you of all the news from our Dutch Nursing world, inasmuch as it is worth mentioning to those who are not immediately interested. To begin with, I intend to give you a brief account of the first annual general meeting of the Dutch Association for the Treatment of the Sick, the rules of which have been already mentioned, last summer, in this journal.

The general meeting of the above-named Association was held on the 19th of December, at Amsterdam, where the Offices of the Association are placed. Dr. C. F. J. Blooker, the Chairman, made an eloquent opening speech, and spoke a word of homage and gratitude to *Jonkvrouw* de Bosch Kemper, who has taken the initiative in establishing the Association. He finished with expressing the hope, that all who devote themselves to the Nursing work, or who are interested in it, may be more and more united in one common bond.

According to the report, given by *Jonkvrouw* de Bosch Kemper, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the newly founded Association counts, already, 170 members and 144 donors. The provisional management was elected by acclamation to be a settled one. The management of the Dutch Association for the Treatment of the Sick also comprises the following members:—Dr. C. F. J. Blooker, President; Dr. J. van Deventer, Second President; *Jonkvrouw* de Bosch Kemper, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Miss T. P. Reynvaan, Dr. S. K. Hulshoff, Dr. B. H. Stephan, and Prof. Dr. C. Winkler.

After this, the suggestions of the Committee for instruction and examination was taken into consideration. The Committee had summarised its conclusions as fol-

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