

"Persia Revisited (1895). With Remarks on H.I.M. Mozuffer-ed-Din Shah, and the Present Situation in Persia (1896)." By General Sir Thomas Edward Gordon, K.C.I.E., &c., formerly Military Attaché and Oriental Secretary to her Majesty's Legation at Tehran. Illustrated. (Edward Arnold.)

"Nets for the Wind." By Una Taylor. (John Lane. 1896.)

Mr. Anthony Hope's new story, "The Heart of Princess Osra," is being prepared by Messrs. Longmans. Mr. H. D. Lowry's new book of stories dealing with a girl-child and a man-friend is in the hands of Mr. Lane.

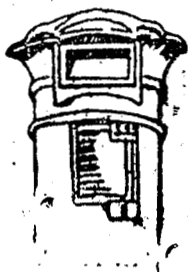
### Coming Events.

August 20th.—Annual Conference of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association at Leeds.

August 31st.—Annual Conference of the Institute of Journalists commences at Belfast.

September 2nd.—Earl Percy presides at the Congress of the Sanitary Institute at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Duke of Cambridge will be present.

September 16th.—Annual Meeting of the British Association begins at Liverpool.



### Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &c.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

WANTED—A CIVIL ORDER OF THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I notice in the NURSING RECORD for June 13th a paragraph relating to Nurse Leonora Alford, saying that she nursed *alone* in the small-pox epidemic in Bechuanaland. By a delay in the post, I am sorry to say she was five days alone—not in the Lazaretto—with small-pox patients; but immediately we knew how she was situated, several Nurses volunteered to help her. I selected Sister Monica as the one most likely to give help, and, as a person of judgment and experience, able to act with authority in an emergency. She did not even wait for the next passenger train, but went up in the guard's van in the next luggage train. The Lazaretto was, of course, organized by the Government, not by the Nurses, and the two lived and worked together for many weeks under circumstances which no English Nurse could imagine. For instance, when the Lazaretto was first formed, they and their patients were put into ten perfectly empty bell tents pitched in the middle of the sandy desert. Every single thing they had to requisition, and only the barest necessities were given them,

Sister Monica undertook the commissariat department, and her kitchen was three sheets of corrugated iron, one on its side and two put up on their ends—like this —. No roof or shelter of any description, half a dozen stones, and three large iron boilers standing on them completed the fittings. I have not contradicted the newspapers who have said Nurse Nora was "alone and quite unaided," on account of the long time before a letter can reach them, but for the sake of truth I must explain to nursing papers. *Both* were heroic, and *both* did a noble work, although perhaps the horrors of the five days Nurse Nora was alone, exceeded all the rest.

I shall be glad if you will publish this.

I am, Madam, your obedient servant,

S. HENRIETTA, C.S.M., and A.D.

(Sister in Charge of St. Michael's Home.)

St. Michael's Home,

Kimberley, South Africa,

July 16th, 1896.

SWEET LAVENDER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to thank you for the half-dozen letters forwarded to me in connection with my letter on the above subject which appeared in your issue of the 1st August. After sending the usual supply to the Sisters on my old list, I hope to have a supply for new friends made through the medium of the RECORD, although this year, owing to the drought, I fear the supply will not be so great as usual.

Perhaps my former letter will have suggested to other readers the pleasure the lavender bags give, and, when your readers know that I have already had six applications from Matrons and Sisters of London Hospitals for these old-fashioned satchets, no doubt they will gladly contribute. I should suggest, dear Madam, that your readers might send the bags to the NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, feeling sure that you would kindly forward them to those Matrons and Sisters who are desirous to receive them. I will attend to the requests already addressed to myself.

Believe me, sincerely yours,

SWEET LAVENDER.

[We will gladly comply with our correspondent's suggestions.—ED.]

PRIVATE NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Can you advise me as to the best way to obtain additional Nurses for private work. Letters to Hospital Matrons generally are answered to the effect that the Nurses leaving do not care for anything but Hospital work, and to train for oneself takes time, and is not always satisfactory.

It seems to me that while many Nurses are wanting posts, yet there is no good way of bring employers and employed together. Perhaps you will kindly give me your advice in "Comments and Replies."

Believe me, yours faithfully,

M.M., Lady Superintendent.

[We publish this letter because it touches on important points. The writer is the Lady Superintendent of a Trained Nurses' Institute in a large country town, far from London. We are constantly receiving letters to the same effect from ladies holding similar positions. Now we all know that the Nursing Societies in London are amply supplied with Nurses,

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