

a forest, and after numberless adventures found her patient, who only spoke a foreign tongue, at the top of a pole on which there was a white pigeon-house. The patient at last was secured, by means of shaking the pole so furiously that both patient and pigeon-house came down. Miss Kingsley gave many other most interesting details, and added her testimony as to the courtesy, chivalry, and kindness of the Africans, to which she owed much. She also spoke of the capacity of African women as nurses. The lecture was illustrated with excellent slides.

Mrs. Dacre Craven said that she had been desired by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian to say how deeply interested she had always been in the question of nursing in West Africa.

Miss Margaret Breay proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Kingsley for her delightful lecture, and said that she had been most interested in hearing Miss Kingsley's suggestion as to the advisability of establishing hospital ships, as, having lived on the East Coast of Africa, she had come to the same conclusion herself.

Mrs. Dacre Craven said that she was the oldest trained nurse in England, except Florence Nightingale, but she believed Miss Kingsley was a born nurse, and she would gladly become her probationer. The meeting then terminated.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS HETTY L. A. DIXON has been appointed Matron of the Greenwich Infirmary. Miss Dixon was trained at King's College Hospital from 1892 to 1896, and holds a three years' certificate of her training school. In 1896 she was appointed Sister at the Lewisham Union Infirmary, and was promoted in the same year to the responsible position of Assistant Matron, which post she resigns upon her new appointment.

MISS WALDRON has been appointed Matron to the Adults' Home and Miss Strong Matron to the Children's Home of the Charnwood Forest Convalescent Home. Both ladies were trained for three years and certificated at the Infirmary, Leicester, and have held the position of Sister at that institution. Miss Waldron is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Registered Nurse.

MISS BURGESS, who, until recently, has been on the staff of the Blackburn Infirmary, has been appointed Matron of the Accrington Cottage Hospital.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS GRACE MACKENZIE has been appointed Charge Nurse at the South-Western Fever Hospital, Stockwell. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Medico-Psychological Examination

EVERYONE will acknowledge that the work of the Medico-Psychological Association, in examining and certificating asylum attendants in nursing and attending on the insane, is work of very great value and founded entirely on the right lines, and we are pleased to intimate to asylum attendants that the forthcoming examination of the Association will be held on Monday, May 2nd. Candidates should obtain from the Registrar, Dr. Spence, Burntwood Asylum, near Lichfield, a schedule to be filled up, signed, and returned to him, at least four weeks before the date fixed for the examination. Monday, the 4th of April, will be the last day upon which candidates can enter their names. How long will it be before nurses, trained in our general hospitals, will be permitted to avail themselves of an open competitive examination? Nursing education cannot long be carried on in its present desultory and unsatisfactory lines.

Nursing the Plague.

SAD news comes this week from Bombay—the plague is increasing and is of a more virulent type, and the friction between the Corporation and the Plague Committee has resulted in a rupture between these two bodies.

In response to the appeal of our Indian friend for more funds to be distributed by the Nursing Sisters, we have to acknowledge with much pleasure £1 1s. from Sister Sadleir of the Registered Nurses' Society, and 10s. from a nurse whose kind and practical letter we print below. As we showed last week that these poor Mahomedans can live upon three halfpence a day, or about one shilling a week, it will be within the power of many of our readers to send a mite which they will never miss, and which will be most helpful to these suffering Hindus; and the fact that the money will be expended by the sisters whose devotion to duty we all admire and long to emulate, will be a guarantee that it will be expended with knowledge and discretion.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I read with much interest the account in last week's NURSING RECORD of the distribution of the money which you sent out to India for the relief of plague patients and their relatives. I think there must be many nurses who, like myself, would gladly volunteer for work amongst the sufferers, but whom circumstances, or duty, keep at home. These would willingly help the plague patients if they knew how, and I venture to think that they may best do so by entrusting their alms to the nurses who are on the spot, and who have every opportunity of judging how they may wisely be distributed. Acting upon this belief I am sending to you a donation of ten shillings, and I hope after Easter to send you my Lent savings for the same purpose. I am writing to tell you so in

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