

Out-patients are seen three times a week, many of them suffering from the terrible ulcers so well known to those who have lived in Africa.

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THE Matron of the Hospital (Sister Dorothy) has done a great deal for it, but a good deal remains still to be done. Miss Woodbine has three nurses, presumably natives, working under her, and speaks specially of the capacity of one of them. She also reports an interesting case of a woman with sleeping sickness, and promises us further details in another letter. The patient has had a temperature varying from 98.4 to 101.4 since March 17th. We feel sure that an account of an illness of this sort will be of great interest to our readers.

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THE Dominican Sisters having severed their connection with the Buluwayo Hospital, have resolved to carry on educational, mission, and nursing work in Rhodesia. A public meeting was recently held at Buluwayo to consider the best form in which to recognise the splendid services rendered by the Sisters to Rhodesia, and a committee was appointed to decide upon giving expression in a practical form to the gratitude of the people. Captain Lawley, Administrator of Matabeleland, was elected President of the committee, which determined that the most suitable way of carrying out the wishes of the public was to build for the Sisters a home of their own in Buluwayo. This home is to be erected on one of the stands belonging to the Sisters, and is to be vested in trustees, namely, the Mayor and the Civil Commissioner, for the time being, of Buluwayo. On the recommendation of Captain Lawley, in which Mr. Milton, the Administrator of Mashonaland, concurred, the British South Africa Company have authorized Captain Lawley to give an undertaking that the Company will subscribe towards the fund for the erection of the home on the £ for £ principle up to £1,000. Captain Lawley has now written to Earl Grey asking him to form a committee for the purpose of collecting subscriptions in London for the proposed home. The Duke of Abercorn has accepted the chairmanship of the committee.

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MR. WALTER PEACE, the Agent General for Natal, writes to the press to say that there is a growing practice among medical men in this country of recommending consumptive patients to go to Natal and other parts of South Africa, and under certain conditions the advice is good, but there have been cases in which that advice has been followed by lamentable consequences. In those cases where the disease is only threatened, or has become but slightly developed, and there is a reasonable prospect of recovery, provided that

the patients have sufficient means of their own for their support, let them go to South Africa by all means, but not otherwise. The facts should be known that, as regards Natal (and the same may be said of other parts of South Africa), there is no provision for the treatment of consumptives otherwise than in the hospitals; that the expenses in cases of sickness are greatly in excess of the expenses in this country, and that the private benevolence of the small European community is apt to be overstrained. It is, therefore, extremely undesirable that invalids in the last stage of consumption should be sent out there to die, or to be sent back in a dying condition. He writes by desire of the Government of Natal, in the hope that by its publication medical men in this country may realise the position more clearly.

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It is proposed to found an Anglo-American Nursing Home in Rome. Mr. E. F. Ede says: "The urgent need of a nursing home for English-speaking persons has long been felt in this city. It frequently happens that visitors are taken ill at their hotels or apartments, and are unable either to obtain the attendance of a skilled nurse or accommodation at a suitable home. A Committee has been formed with a view of founding such an institution, and it is proposed to hire a detached house, which will be comfortably furnished, and where patients of every denomination will be received and attended by their own doctors and spiritual advisers. A staff of trained nurses will be maintained, and these would also be available, if required, to attend patients at their hotels or apartments. The charges for attendance will be on a sliding scale, and there will be several free beds in the home for such patients as may be unable to contribute anything towards their own maintenance. A sum of over £500 has been already promised in donations and subscriptions, but further funds are greatly needed to establish the home on a durable basis. In such an expensive place as Rome, where the rent of a suitable house for such an institution cannot be much, if anything, under £200 a year, it is evident that a much larger fund than £500 is needed to start the home and keep it going until it can become self-supporting. It is confidently hoped that this would be the case in three or four years. The Committee consists of the British Ambassador, president; Sir George Bonham, vice-president; members, the Bishop of Gibraltar, the Bishop of Southwark, Mr. A. R. Pulwer, Major Heyland, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. A. Chenevix Trench, Colonel Needham, Lady Vivian, Lady Louisa Legge, Miss Brabazon, Mrs. R. Crawshay, Miss Vansittart, and Mr. E. F. Ede (treasurer).

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