

to places of interest in the city and vicinity. These trips have been most beneficial as practical demonstrations of the numerous questions which daily confront the worker in her own field of labour. It is by just such means of co-operation that the many problems of our work will eventually be brought to some systematic state. The help of our friends, so generously given in this broad way, is thoroughly appreciated."
"A.L.A."

The States of Virginia and Illinois have formed State Societies of Nurses. It will be very interesting to learn upon just what basis these local associations of nurses are organised. This will no doubt be made plain at the Congress, which is now drawing so near.

The Royal Red Cross.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Miss Margaret Fanny Keyser and Miss Agnes Keyser in recognition of services rendered to the sick and wounded returned from South Africa. His Majesty has also been pleased to sanction the promotion in the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England of Miss Henrietta Wedgwood to be Lady of Grace from Honorary Associate, and the appointment of Agnes Fanny, Mrs. Temple, as Lady of Grace.

Honours for the Attendants of the late Empress.

The German Emperor has conferred upon Professor Renvers, who attended the late Empress Frederick, the title of Geheimer Sanitätsrath, and an order has been bestowed on Dr. Spielhagen. Six ladies-in-waiting to the Empress have also received the medal of the Red Cross.

A Jewish Nursing School:

An interesting delegate to the Congress on Tuberculosis was Frau Henrietta Weiss, an Austrian Jewess, who is hoping to found in Vienna a Nursing Home in connection with the Jewish Hospital there. There are few trained nurses in Austria, and Jewish nurses are even rarer. The project has been received so well that the school will probably open in the autumn. Already twenty-four applications have been received from Jewesses, who wish to be trained. Incidentally she wishes to open a new calling to educated Jewish girls. We shall watch the development of the scheme with much interest.

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THE following Nursing Sisters are on their way home from South Africa:—H. Hogarth, E. M. Sutton, H. A. Lawrence, M. B. Pertwee, M. Roche, E. F. Uppery, B. L. Shappere, and O. E. Barrow.

In endorsing the proposition that the women's memorial to Queen Victoria should take the form of a national subscription on behalf of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, founded by Her late Majesty with the women's offering of that year, the *Lancet* says there is much to be said in favour of such a scheme. The beds of many of our hospitals are crowded with cases which could be treated with equal benefit in their own homes, and large numbers of patients, who would gain immensely in hospital, are kept waiting for admission for an indefinite time, perhaps until it is too late for relief. Neither the public nor hospital officials seem quite to appreciate the fact that a general hospital is not a home of rest, but a place where active therapeutic measures can be taken with a chance of success.

After enumerating some of the cases which for various reasons are unsuitable for admission to hospitals, and which it is often cruel to send into the workhouse, but to whom the care of a nurse at home would be a great comfort, our contemporary adds:—Lastly, if a special nurse can be told off for the duty, cases of ordinary zymotic disease can be fairly well looked after in the homes of the poor, where the medical officer of health can be satisfied as to proper isolation. It is often impossible to get such cases admitted into special hospitals, but where a spread of infection can be avoided home treatment will generally suffice. The good done by the Queen's nurses is of a kind apart from that done by the hospital. They assist hospital finance, they save much unnecessary hospital labour. They do a special work for humanity in that the bulk of the suffering creatures whom they relieve are not suitable hospital inmates and are also unfit for, or are very undesirous of going into, the workhouse infirmaries. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the attempt to raise a national subscription will be met by a hearty response from the women of Great Britain.

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