

sible, offered a special prize for Medical knowledge. He has also offered a further prize for the best notes on any case, but the papers are not to be sent in until November 1. Miss Annie Scamell amongst the Staff Nurses gained the highest number of marks, 2,465 out of a possible 3,000. Mrs. Wilmore had the next. Miss Annie Scamell also gained Dr. Callender's prize for medicine, her papers being the best on every subject. Amongst the pupils, Miss Smith had the highest number of marks, and Miss Robinson the next. Miss Wilson was highly commended for an excellent and thoughtful paper.

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"It is a common remark that no amount of technical knowledge can make a good Nurse. Many higher qualities than mental capacity must be brought into use in the sick chamber: such as patience, gentleness, firmness, unselfishness, watchfulness. But, on the other hand, all the gentleness in the world will not do much to soothe the patient who has been blistered by a badly-made poultice, and whose arm is crooked because the Nurse did not know how to carry out the Doctor's instructions. These higher qualities must be in the woman's own character, fostered and nurtured by self-control during many a weary hour spent in attending to the whims and fancies of a suffering invalid; but joined to these must be the intelligent, manual dexterity, and the thorough reasonable knowledge of a thousand details, before she can be described as a competent Medical and Surgical Nurse, fit to be trusted by those who, often with grief and pain, have to give into her hands the care of their nearest and dearest in their hour of need."

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AND whilst mentioning Kimberley Hospital, a correspondent kindly writes me thus:—"On Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. Julius Kleinkempf, of Barkly West, was married in the Hospital Chapel, to a Danish lady, Fraulein Valbord Möller, who has been a Nurse in the Hospital for the last fifteen months. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 6.30, at which the bride with her bridesmaids communicated. At eleven o'clock the bridegroom, with his best man, came into the chapel, and immediately afterwards, while a wedding hymn was sung, the bride arrived with her eight bridesmaids. Her white dress was almost simple enough for use in her old calling, and her veil, which completely covered her, was quite plain. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were in the uniform of the Nursing Staff, and were those Nurses who had been most closely associated with her in her work. They each wore a bunch of white roses in their aprons, as their only ornament.

THE bride was given away by the Sister-in-Charge. The Archdeacon of Kimberley performed the marriage, and after the wedding gave an address to the bride and bridegroom on the sanctity of a Christian home. After the registers were signed, the wedding party, the whole Hospital resident Staff, and several friends adjourned to the Nurses' Refectory, which was gay with flowers and fruit, and where the bride cut the cake in due form, and where everybody's health was drunk, and many amusing speeches made. The presents were chiefly tokens of affection to Fraulein Möller from her friends in the Hospital. The Nurses gave her a complete tea-service in white china, with coral handles. At the Hospital her bright spirit and painstaking, conscientious work will be greatly missed, but the greater the loss on the one side, the greater will be the gain to the home to which she has gone.

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I ALSO hear from another quarter in the same part of the world that a vacancy having occurred in the office of Matron at the Frontier Hospital, at Queenstown, South Africa, the Hospital Board determined to place the Hospital on a different system from the old Colonial plan hitherto in vogue. This plan is to appoint an intelligent working man, or small tradesman, as Superintendent of the Hospital, and to make his wife or sister Matron and Head Cook. Servants are employed under them, and if any patient needs special care it is usual for him to bring some friend into the Hospital with him as Nurse. The Nursing authorities in the Kimberley Hospital were asked to advise some one whom they thought capable of management, and who had been trained at Kimberley, to apply for the post of Matron, Superintendent, and Head Nurse, with a view towards her assisting the Board to reform the Nursing in the Hospital, and to place it on a proper and intelligent footing. Miss Alice Perring, who had been trained at Kimberley, and had been for some years a Staff Nurse there, was appointed.

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THE Frontier Hospital is a very pretty and convenient building built of stone, and is meant to serve not only Queenstown, but all the villages lying among the mountains which surround it. It is only a few miles distant from the famous Katberg Pass, perhaps the loveliest pass in South Africa, and it lies almost at the foot of the beautiful Stornberg range. The climate is delightful, and the thick grass, trees, and orange groves are as different from the deserts in the heart of which Kimberley is built, as the peaceful country town is itself from the roar and rush of the mining camp, the former scene of Miss Perring's labours.

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