

villages, and its arrival at Likoma after a journey usually means an influx of patients, European and native, for the hospital there, which can accommodate four of the former and about twenty of the latter.

Here comes in the responsibility of the nurse. The hospital has a keen medical officer in Dr. Robert Howard (a Guy's Gold Medallist); it is well-arranged, furnished, and up-to-date. If the doctor is on the spot all well and good, but he may be visiting stations many miles away, and then the nurse has the sole responsi-

per directions which she can skilfully and exactly carry out, but which her knowledge does not qualify her to give. She realises with increased vividness how distinct are the duties of the two professions whose work touches at so many points.

Our illustration shows Miss Armstrong in the dispensary of the hospital, at which patients attend between the hours of nine and twelve. This is fitted with all the drugs and instruments necessary for the diseases likely to be encountered. Many strange and interesting experiences are met with in the care of these native patients, and Miss Arni-



MISS ARMSTRONG AND HOSPITAL PATIENTS AT LIKOMA.

bility of the *treatment* as well as the nursing of the sick. "I begged him," said Miss Armstrong, "to write down for me the routine treatment of black-water fever in case I had patients in while he was away, which he kindly did." Her forethought was opportune, for two bad cases of this disease (Portuguese) arrived in the doctor's absence with which she had to deal. The anxiety of such responsibility is extreme, and the fact that nurses are called upon to undertake it points to the need for developing their resourcefulness when in training, at least in the case of those whose duties are likely to lead them *field*. How a nurse longs then for the ex-

strong tells of one woman, who was attending daily at the dispensary for the treatment of some chronic disease, who casually mentioned one morning that she had had a son just two hours before!

An interesting feature of the work is that native boys are being trained by the nurses, and are proving themselves very useful assistants. They are able to relieve the nurse when a bad case would otherwise claim her attention night and day. Also, as there are occasional epidemics of small-pox on the shores of the Lake, many vaccinations are done. The hospital "boys" have been instructed how to perform this simple operation, and recently one of them, Raphael by name, went on the *Chauncy*

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