

She found the Hospital greatly dilapidated, furniture worn out, &c."

"THERE is plenty of good *hard* work to be done, and the townspeople are always ready and willing to help. The twenty-five beds are nearly always full, and the staff only consists at present of Matron, one Nurse, and one servant. It is to be hoped the Board will see their way to increasing the staff soon. It must not be forgotten that in all these small towns in South Africa, as well as in the larger ones of the Diamond Fields and the Gold Fields, the Hospital work is very different to anything in older established countries. Water has to be drawn from wells, wood chopped for fuel; the dust and sand and the cockroaches of Africa require incessant labour to clear away; white ants and fishmoths get into everything. Paraffin lamps and stoves take much more labour to keep in order than gas ones do; and native servants, excellent, faithful, and capable when trained, are worse than the worst English servant could be when untrained, and, like Nursing pupils, are apt to leave before their training is complete. Their very names—By-and-By, Wait-a-Little, and All-Day, common enough amongst them—explain as much as a volume."

"MISS PAGETT, who has lately been Matron of the Barberton Hospital, has left it to undertake the management of a Private Hospital and Private Nursing Institution, under the Cathedral Chapter, I believe, at Pretoria. She has secured three M.B.N.A.'s to help her and one other Nurse."

"MISS MAGEE's appointment as Matron of the Albany Hospital, Grahamstown, I think you have already reported. She was a Leicester Staff Nurse, and has been a M.B.N.A. from the first."

"HER EXCELLENCY LADY LOCH, the wife of the Governor General, while visiting Kimberley last week, spent an afternoon in the Hospital. She thoroughly inspected all departments, and particularly admired and commented on the Nurses' Home. She spent some time there speaking to various Nurses, commenting on the library and common room arrangements, and looking at the bedrooms. The Governor, with his suite, inspected the Hospital and the Home the following Sunday. Lady Loch, after writing her name in the visitors' book, added:—'I have much enjoyed seeing this very fine and well-managed Hospital, and the Nurses' Home seems to me the most perfect and yet necessary addition, I have ever seen.'"

Now the above letter is what I call a most sensible and interesting one, and cannot fail but be of value to all Nurses. It is just the kind friendly sort of letter I like receiving, for it tells of work, hard work, cheerfully and satisfactorily performed, under conditions and circumstances of no ordinary kind, and if all Nurses and readers who visit other countries to engage themselves in this great and glorious work of relieving the sick would only occasionally, in the midst of their busy routine, just manage to find time to sit down and write to me, and tell me how they are getting along, the nature of the work they are doing, and the character of their surroundings, our little journal would become the *vade mecum* of everything that is interesting and agreeable. I cannot too heartily and cordially thank my kind and respected correspondent for the useful information she has afforded us all on this side of the globe.

THE friends of the East London Nursing Society are cordially invited to attend at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, June 3, 1890. Morning prayers at ten a.m., followed by a special service, consisting of a celebration of the Holy Communion and a sermon, by the kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. N. Thicknesse, Rector of Limehouse, E. An offertory will be taken on behalf of the general funds of the Society. The secretary, Mr. Arthur W. Lacey, will gladly take charge of contributions from those unable to be present. His address is, Swiss Cottage, Dacre Park, Lee, Kent.

IN reference to the correspondence which has recently taken place in the columns of the *Nursing Record*, having reference to the reticence of the B.N.A. in giving full official publicity to its transactions and meetings, a Nursing friend in the country writes me: "I was of course unable to hear Mr. Warrington Haward's paper read, and in common with your other correspondents, I much regret not being able to see a more detailed report of the discussion that followed, or to learn more of the proceedings of the British Nurses' Association than is to be gathered from the short notices in the papers."

IHAVE great pleasure in giving space for the following circular, as it proves undoubtedly that instead of eight hundred Nurses being Registered there are in reality over twelve hundred upon the Register.

"BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street, W., May, 1890.—Dear Madam,—I am desired by the Registration Board

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