

March 5th of this year, she afterwards, on the 8th, had an interview with the Princess of Wales, who inquired about her work abroad, and her intended labours in India. Miss Marsden arrived in St. Petersburg at the beginning of April, with the above-mentioned object of getting her Cross before starting for India. Through the kindness of the Princess of Wales, who had written and telegraphed to her Imperial sister, Miss Marsden had the high honour of being presented to the Empress at Gatschina, and receiving at her hands not only the decoration of the Red Cross Society, but an additional Cross also "for care of the wounded." She afterwards, at an interview, had the honour of explaining to Her Majesty her plans for the future. The conversation happened to turn on leprosy in Russia, a few cases even existing in the St. Petersburg Hospitals, when Her Imperial Majesty expressed the greatest astonishment at the idea of the disease occurring at all in her dominions. This fortunate disclosure had a most important consequence, and led to an Imperial command addressed to the Hospital authorities and others concerned throughout the empire, in virtue of which Miss Marsden will be in a position to visit all the leper establishments in European and Asiatic Russia.

THE letter thus written at the command of the Empress is so unique of its kind that it deserves to be given in full: (Dated St. Petersburg, 20 Ap. (May 2), 1890.) "The bearer of this, the British subject, Miss Kate Marsden, is proceeding to India with the object of devoting herself wholly and entirely to the care of the lepers. Before her departure for India, Miss Marsden visited St. Petersburg, and had the happiness of being presented to Her Majesty the Empress. Afterwards she inspected some of the Hospitals here, and has now the intention of inspecting the like in other towns and places of the Empire. H.I.M., estimating at its worth the highly Christian and sincerely philanthropic significance of the journey so undertaken by the traveller, and also all its difficulty, has been pleased to command me to hand to her these lines, that she might show them to all persons in authority in such Hospitals as she may desire to visit. H.M. the Empress will be extremely grateful to the said authorities if they will give Miss Marsden their co-operation during her inspection of the Hospitals in charge, especially those in which occur patients suffering from leprosy. (Signed) Prince Ivan Golitsyn."

ARMED with this most gracious letter, and accompanied by a well-known Medical officer of St. Petersburg, Miss Marsden proposes visiting all the localities in the Empire where lepers are

known to exist. She will first go to Kurland, and go over the leper Hospital at Dorpat; thence to the celebrated island of Osel, in the gulf of Riga. The Volga, including Nishni Novgorod, the Don Cossacks, the Caucasus, thence over the Caspian to Transcaspia and Central Asia, Turkestan, perhaps even Eastern Siberia—such is the possible extent of her voyage of inspection, which can hardly occupy less than fifteen months. At the end of her journey she is to return to St. Petersburg, to report on the results to her most humane and generous patron. During her stay in the capital Miss Marsden has received the greatest possible kindness and assistance from Russian society, and this, too, before Her Imperial Majesty's intervention. The ladies of the court, Countess Alexandrine Tolstoi, who gave Miss Marsden a letter to her pupil, the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Gagarin, and others, besides many noble families, have been incessant in doing all that lay in their power to promote the object which Miss Marsden has in view.

I wish the greatest success to the grand bazaar which will be held in aid of the funds of University College Hospital, in the College grounds, to-day and to-morrow. H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife has graciously consented to open the bazaar at twelve noon, and will be received on her arrival by John Eric Erichsen, Esq., F.R.S., President of University College, Augustus Prevost, Esq., B.A., Treasurer and Chairman of the Hospital, Patronesses, Members of the Medical Staff, and the Executive Committee.

It is reported that the Scottish branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has received a donation of one hundred guineas from the Edinburgh College of Surgeons; and a lady has contributed £100 "In Memoriam" towards a fund for purchasing the Nurses' Training Home at 29, Castle Terrace, for training Nurses for the sick poor in their own homes.

THE daily papers announce that Mr. S. F. Hoffnung, the Hawaiian Chargé d'Affaires, has received a report from the Board of Health, which sets at rest the vague, ill-defined ideas as to the treatment of the lepers in Hawaii. The report states that Sister Rose Gertrude is Matron and Nurse at the Kalihi Receiving Station, where lepers and suspects are examined by Physicians before they are sent to Molokai. She is entrusted with the care of these patients, and also attends to the spiritual and mental needs of whatever lepers may be in transit for Molokai. The Sisters at the leper settlement are of a different order to Sister Rose Gertrude, and the Board of Health con-

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