

Our Foreign Letter.

FROM NATAL.



DEAR EDITOR,
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a photograph of a surgical ward in the native hos-
pital section of Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg,
of which section I am Sister-in-Charge. The Matron
of the Hospital is Miss Mitchell, who was trained

taining two wards of eight beds (medical and surgical) for women, a maternity ward of four beds, and a ward for tubercular cases of five beds. Besides these there are two very nice airy wards built of wood and iron for men. The picture I have sent you is of one of them.

I like the natives; they are most good and patient, though occasionally one gets a disagreeable one. We have very good work, both medical and surgical, and I feel I am getting some of the rust knocked off after ten years of army nursing. We have a very nice operating theatre with every modern convenience in a small way.

The Nurses' Home is quite modern. The Sisters have a delightful sitting-room, and so have the nurses. All our bedrooms are most comfortable also, with bath-rooms which have hot and cold water laid on. We also have a very nice garden and tennis court. The other day the Governor, Sir Matthew



A Ward in the Native Hospital, Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg.

at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and has had a great deal of experience in South Africa, including the superintendence of a Boer camp during the war.

In the picture I am standing under the electric light, Matron is on my left, and my Staff Nurse on my right. The others are the Second Nurse and the Probationer, the two Medical Officers, the Secretary, and two Indian orderlies (I have three in all, and a Kafir woman to help with the women). The hospital is a very nice one, containing about 100 beds. One building is for Europeans, another for private patients, who are nursed in small rooms, with a larger ward of four beds, and there is also a maternity ward built a little way from these. Then there is my little native hospital con-

Nathan, came to open the new Children's Ward, which is a memorial to the late Mrs. Macdonald, who for so many years did such good work for the hospital. The presence of the Governor was specially appropriate, as it was he who originally suggested this memorial, a fact referred to by Mr. W. J. O'Brien in thanking his Excellency for his presence. In declaring the ward open the Governor said:—

"It was not my good fortune to know Mrs. Macdonald, whose death took place just before the time of my arrival in the Colony. But at that time her name was on many tongues, and when I visited this hospital on the tenth day of my residence in Natal, and noted the one obvious deficiency in the accom-

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