

for the Registration of Trained Nurses now before Parliament provides uniform consideration for all nurses trained in voluntary hospitals and Local Government Board hospitals, and any line of demarcation between the two will, in our opinion, still further emphasise the present distinctions, which are injurious to the status of the Poor Law nurse. Let Clerks and Boards of Guardians bring pressure to bear on the President of the Local Government Board to give active support to the Nurses' Registration Bill. Such an Act would soon solve the present difficulties.

Upon the request of the East Preston Guardians, the Local Government Board have sanctioned the provision of recreation for the nursing staff. They may have a piano, a bagatelle board, and a croquet lawn. Quite nice! But the L.G.B. are unable to sanction the proposal to subscribe to a circulating library. The Clerk, however, acting upon the suggestion of the Committee, has already paid the subscription, and the L.G.B. are to be asked to sanction the payment for one year.

Miss Louisa Innes Lumsden, LL.D., Dalbeattie, Murrie, having expressed a desire to present to the Infirmary a portrait of her late sister, Miss Rachel Frances Lumsden, who was for nearly twelve years honorary superintendent of the institution, the board of directors, at their last meeting, accepted the portrait, and instructed the clerk to convey their cordial thanks to Miss Louisa Lumsden for her appropriate

gift. The portrait is characterised as a striking likeness. It has been hung in the board room at the Infirmary, where the superintendent, Dr. Sinclair, will have pleasure in showing it to anyone interested.

A nurse sends us the following little story:—
A missionary friend working in East Africa started from Endeji on an itinerating tour, purposing to visit various stations in the

remote districts, when she came across a dispensary where she learned the following simple method for the treatment of patients was adopted:—
Lotions were prescribed for any ailment from the toes to the thigh, mixtures for troubles from that neighbourhood to the throat, and pills over that! The treatment is certainly simple, although somewhat monotonous, and one wonders if the patients were cured. It proves how invaluable are our medical missions amongst the sick of these primitive people.

We are glad to note that the *South African Medical Record* is

quite of our opinion that, so long as the nurses do not object to nurse the native races, the agitation enunciated in the Provincial Council that "black or coloured patients should be nursed only by coloured nurses" is absurd. We know nurses who have worked for years amongst all sorts of outlandish natives, and have received in return nothing but respect and gratitude. That such work upon the part of our nurses encourages "black peril" is a baseless fear.



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Window of Miss Nightingale's room draped with British colours.

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