

NURSING ECHOES.

Our illustration shows Sister L. Heath, a member of the City of Westminster, Hendon, League, and some of her patients in South Africa. It will be noted that some of them have proudly adopted European dress, but our readers will agree that the child in the foreground in native dress is more attractive. They would think so still more if they could see the satiny texture of a well-kept, freshly oiled black skin, and in a hot climate a child is supremely comfortable in his scanty dress of



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heads. We are indebted to the Editor of the *Hendon League Journal* for this illustration.

Speaking at a meeting of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society on May 3rd, Dr. Charlotte Bacon, of Keveilin, China, described the methods of the Chinese "quack" doctor. Has the patient a pain?—then stick a needle in, no matter where the pain is. Has he an abscess or boil?—then plaster it over with dirt and mud to keep the smell in. If feeling a pulse, feel *both*, for one tells the condition of kidneys and stomach, and the other of lungs

and heart! Dr. Bacon's first operation was for trachoma; three friends came with the patient, and two Chinese women were beginning to be taught as nurses; but when the doctor put out her hand to take a swab from the bowl that one should have been holding, there was no bowl there. Friends and nurses had fled at sight of the first drop of blood! The little hospital now has only ten beds, but it sometimes holds twenty patients, as well as their friends. "Do you wonder," asked Dr. Bacon, "that Sister's face was very long when first she saw my hospital?" This same Sister is now carrying on single-handed till Dr. Bacon can return, the only worker with medical knowledge in a city of 250,000 inhabitants.

The controversy continues in the *South African Nursing Record*, the official organ of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and in the *South African Medical Record*, both edited by medical men, on the question of granting a second-grade certificate and registering coloured nurses. The former approves the suggestion, as coloured nurses are required for their own people, but adds that "the Medical Councils should thoroughly control the entire nursing profession—all of it, not part." Surely an antediluvian demand; the latter journal is very strongly opposed to the establishment of a second-grade certificate for native

and coloured nurses, considering it would be impossible to control such nurses and limit their functions. It is a difficult question for those of us who live in a "white man's country," and are not up against the problems of a coloured race.

The Princess Mary opened the new Annexe for the Orthopædic, Electrical, and Massage treatment of wounded and discharged soldiers at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, on May 3rd. The Matron of the Hospital, Miss Brookes, presented the Princess with a bouquet of carnations and roses.

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