

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The Postmaster-General has announced that the concession of lower postage rates in favour of soldiers, will apply to women serving with the Forces oversea. This will be good news to members of the Military Nursing Services. Women working in private hospitals, canteens, and similar institutions will be included, provided their correspondence passes through the Army Post Office.

The King has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class, on Miss

valuable workers have carried the knowledge there obtained to places on the mainland. Indeed their value was so well recognized that girls trained in the hospital were in great request as wives.

In 1895, the year Miss Brewerton was appointed Matron of the Hospital, owing to the death of the Sultan and the seizing of the Palace by a usurper, the commander of a British man-of-war gave notice that if the usurper did not vacate the Palace by ten o'clock the following morning the building would be bombarded. As the usurper remained in possession, this programme was carried out. The patients in the hospital—amongst the Europeans being the late Bishop Tucker, then Bishop of East Equatorial Africa—



MISS HANNAH BREWERTON, A.R.R.C.

Hannah Brewerton, and Mrs. Elspeth Kelso Zurcher, of the Zanzibar Government Hospital Service.

Miss Brewerton was trained under St. John's House, when it was located in Norfolk Street, Strand, at King's College Hospital. She holds the certificate of the House, and is a member of its Nurses' League. Her work in Zanzibar dates from 1892, when she joined the staff of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, and when the hospital was opened in that year, with her friend, Miss Whitbread, worked for it and its patients with a whole-hearted devotion and professional skill which won the admiration and respect of all with whom she was associated. She was particularly successful in training the natives, and many

having been removed to a place of safety the nurses were ordered on to a man-of-war in the harbour. When matters in the Palace got too hot for the usurper, he escaped to the German Consulate—and by German help to the mainland—leaving his ill-advised supporters to bear the brunt of the bombardment. At the first possible moment, as soon as the wounded began to be taken to the hospital, Miss Brewerton insisted upon going ashore, and through the narrow oriental streets through which bullets were still singing made her way to the hospital and resumed her duties and, as was recorded at the time, discharged them, through the extraordinary stress of work which followed, with such efficiency as to be worthy of special recognition. Some six

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