

furnished. As the summer is coming on, I hear from the Matron that "yellow backs" will be very acceptable—to take out and read upon the beach.

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SAYS the *Queen*: "The COUNTESS OF ZETLAND has received some generous donations in answer to her appeal for funds to establish a National Hospital for Consumption in Ireland. Lord IVEAGH heads the list with £1,000; Sir EDWARD HARLAND, Sir HENRY COCHRANE, the EARL OF BELMORE, and Sir E. KINAHAN have given £100 each. The sum required is estimated at £10,000, out of which £500 will be contributed by the LORD-LIEUTENANT, provided that the fund be completed within the next six months."

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THE seventh annual report of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India, commonly known as the "Countess of Dufferin's Fund," shows that it is making steady progress. During last year 470,000 women patients were treated, 60,000 of them being inhabitants of the native states; and 120 local centres have already been established. If the association has not received in some places the encouragement which was anticipated, it has received in others far more than was to be expected.

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LADY ROBERTS, in a letter recently received by her friends, says: "I am most anxious, before leaving India, to invest a sufficient sum of money to adequately maintain the 'Nurses' Homes' and the 'Officers' Hospitals and Convalescent Homes,' and thus place them in a position of independence. . . . I have already invested Rs.130,000, but Rs.250,000 are necessary to accomplish this end." Subscriptions may be paid to Col. JAMES GILDEA, 7, Knaresborough Place; or to the credit of Lady ROBERTS'S "Homes in the Hills," &c., at Messrs. COUTTS and Co., 59, Strand; and Messrs. COX and Co., Charing Cross.

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MISS CONYBEARE, in the *Woman's Herald*, continues her account of her travels in South Africa, by describing a visit she paid to Robben Island. Speaking of the Leper Hospital, she says: "The two young Nurses were evidently great favourites among their patients. One had been trained at Manchester, the other at Leicester. Both were pretty, with fair hair, and in their whitecaps and uniforms they were pleasant objects

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amidst so much that was necessarily hideous and painful to the eye. They told me that they were not at all afraid of catching leprosy except by inoculation, and they were very careful not to get cuts on their hands."

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MISS SCHOLFIELD, who has for twelve years occupied the position of Matron at Torbay Hospital, has, on her retirement, received as a testimonial a pair of silver candlesticks, suitably inscribed, and a purse containing £180. The presentation was made by Mrs. FORDYCE.

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MISS A. G. SIBLEY has been appointed Matron of the Hope Hospital. She is at present Matron of the Workington Hospital, and will require all the tact for which she is famous to conduct the affairs at her new post.

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MISS M. JENNINGS has been appointed Matron of the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne. Having been trained at the Bristol General Hospital, and worked as Sister in the South Devon Hospital, she is well qualified by experience for her new sphere of work.

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I AM glad to see that, under the able superintendence of Miss MCINTYRE, the Royal Albert and Edward Infirmary at Wigan, is becoming a very successful school of nursing. I have before me the testimonials of Miss MARIAN NEEPE, who has been promoted from the position of Night Superintendent at the Wigan Infirmary to the important post of Matron to the General Hospital, Northampton. Miss NEEPE has that most valuable of all nursing attributes, long and varied experience, combined with the nursing spirit (a rare quality in these days). She began work in 1879, gained the Pendlebury certificate for children's nursing in 1881, a certificate for adult nursing at the London Hospital in 1883, after which she was a valued Sister at Charing Cross Hospital for three years, and has of late been working at Wigan. I regret to find so valuable a worker has omitted to register her qualifications, and to help to elevate her profession by so doing.

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"How are the mighty fallen!" Poor old London Hospital! How all those Sisters and Nurses who knew it in the old days, who honoured and loved its good name, must grieve over the disgrace and dishonour by which it has been overtaken. One more Quarterly Court of the London Hospital has come and gone; once

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