

organisation of a Special Home Hospital for the treatment of hip disease, where the children of the rich can receive the same skilled treatment which has long been provided for the children of the poor.

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MISS MARY SLEEMAN has sent to *The Times* an interesting account of a fourteen days' walk to Umtali, in Manicaland, accomplished by her sister, Miss LUCY SLEEMAN, and two other English Nurses. The ladies seem to have met with every conceivable peril, were almost starved, and seriously ill on some occasions, but bore all their misfortunes with wonderful fortitude and good humour. The letter concludes: "I am afraid this letter will seem rather like grumbling. Only the mere fact of writing home is almost more than we can bear. We try to be cheerful and hide our miserableness, for everyone is so nice to us. . . . They make so much of our walk that we begin to wonder if we have really done anything very wonderful."

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MUCH interest is already being aroused concerning the Women's Department of the Chicago Exhibition, to be held in 1893, and English Nursing will probably take an important position, as it is announced that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK has consented to represent that special branch of women's work on the Ladies' Committee appointed by the Royal Commission. A little information on the subject may interest my readers, especially as many of them will doubtless be willing to help in this great work. America is a very smart place, and is well ahead of the old country in innumerable ways, but the thoroughly trained English Nurse has not her equal on the face of the earth. The women of no other country possess in such an eminent degree the qualities of mind and body which combine to make the best Nurses, and I look forward with confidence to the establishment of this fact at the Chicago Exhibition. Our Nursing exhibits should be the most complete show sent by any country.

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FOR the first time in the history of international exhibitions, a special building is to be devoted exclusively to the display of female art and industry. In order that this idea should be carried out thoroughly, it was decided a separate

building should be set aside for the purpose, and that the pavilion itself should be the work of a lady architect. The work is in Italian renaissance, and covers a rectangular space of two hundred feet by four hundred feet. The interior of this building, which will have spacious galleries running around the four sides, at a height of about twenty-five feet above the ground, will be divided into a number of courts devoted to different sections of industry. Probably the most useful and interesting of these will be those relating to Hospital work, rescue organisations, and the helping and care of children by systematic methods. The work of female painters will be for the most part shown in the Fine Arts Building, but it is the hope of the committee—consisting, it is needless to say, wholly of ladies—to have a large and valuable art display in a hall that has been arranged for that purpose in the building. Mrs. POTTER PALMER, one of the most prominent women in Chicago, is the President of the Committee; she appears to have organised this part of the Exhibition with much ability, and during her visit to Europe last summer she did admirable work in exciting the attention and assistance of many public-spirited ladies in this country and on the Continent. It is, therefore, probable that influential committees will be formed in various countries in Europe, to cooperate with Mrs. PALMER, and that the display, in this building at all events, will be international in the widest sense of the word.

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PARTICULAR prominence will be given to exhibits of a domestic, sanitary, educational, and philanthropic description, as representing the subjects in which women are most deeply interested, and the fields in which they can make the most telling, impressive, and useful showing. The Medical Director of the Exposition has generously ceded women Physicians equal recognition with men upon his staff in the Exposition Hospital. This potential fact may be particularly mentioned as indicating the substantial and permanent nature of the Board's influence. The Women's Building will also contain a model Hospital fully equipped, with Physicians and Trained Nurses, and in connection with it will be the Department of Public Comfort for the treatment of cases of slight indisposition and accidents incident to great crowds. By the courtesy of the Director-General, the Board of Lady Managers will be permitted to establish branch rooms of the Department of Public Comfort in all the main buildings of the Exposition. Without in the least encroaching upon the prerogative of the general Hospital, these branches of the Department of Public Comfort

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