

neglected in order to attend to the patients. Is it possible that no doctor is to be sent to our aid next spring?

In the *Congregationalist*, October 7th, 1897, we notice the following editorial paragraph:—"We are impressed by the loving thought of the ladies of our city missionary auxiliaries in sending pillow cases, sheets, etc., to Africa, but we seriously doubt whether such articles are likely to be in urgent demand there." Now, what the editor could have been thinking about to make such a statement as that we are at a loss to know. A hospital without sheets and pillow cases, forsooth! White patients lying on the bare beds without a covering. Surgical cases with no covering but the few oil-soaked, dirt-begrimed clothes with which they came to the station. Young mothers lying in an ward with nothing to shield them and their little ones from the public gaze. Surely the scenes in a hospital conducted without sheets and pillow cases would make the spirit of Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams rise in indignant protest that such a place should be conducted in her memory and for Christ's sake. Please assure the ladies that the articles will be wanted, and are greatly wanted now, even though the hospital has not been built.

The box sent by the friends in Guelph reached us in nice time for our Christmas festivities, and many young people were made glad by the gifts it contained.

Not for the past five years has there been from this country such a rush for slaves as there has been during the past few months. Large caravans have gone into districts of the Congo Free State and bought or stole hundreds of slaves. Some of the slave dealers were seized by the officials. Others were killed and their poor victims liberated. Many hid for days in the bush, while the Belgian soldiers seem to have been in camp about one hour distant from them. Then, when the soldiers passed, began the deadly slave march to Bihe. Many poor wretches fell by the way from hunger and exhaustion. Some, being unable to go further, were despatched with their master's hatchet, or shot through the back, or had their throats cut. Others were hamstringed and left to die of hunger or be torn by wild beasts. Others were bound hand and foot and their abdomens cut open. Further, what seems to me one of the worst features of the case is to hear young boys telling with great gusto of those bloody horrors which they have witnessed. No man can gloat on such scenes, or talk of them as a light matter, without suffering irreparable damage to his manhood. In the meantime we have had all we could do to keep our young lads from being carried away on these expeditions. One of the church members left, contrary to our advice, saying that he was going but a short distance with his brother, but evidently the