THERE IS A METROPOLITAN and National Nursing Association, for providing trained nurses for the sick poor, in London (Eng.) Much interest is being taken in the association by medical men, the Duke of Westminster and others. Great assistance is declared to be derived from the nurses, and there is evident improvement in the rooms of the poorer patients attended by them.

A CLIMATIC ASSOCIATION, for the benefit of invalids and insurance companies, has been proposed by Dr. Denison, of Denver, Col., to be composed of physicians, especially representatives of health resorts, "devoted to the prolongation of life, and the adaptation of climate to the needs of invalids." A part of its labours would be to collect statistics of all climates.

## BOOK NOTICES.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, U.S., for the year ending Oct. '75.

This is a volume of over 200 pages, though it covers but a few months of work, and it is said is only intended to foreshadow to the people what the Board propose to do in the future. Besides many forms, the law creating the Board, constitution and rules, address to the medical profession, etc., there is a report on each of the following subjects, viz., endemic, epidemic and contagious diseases; hygiene of schools; influence of trees on health; sale of poisons, etc.; and on the most effective means of preventing small-pox in Georgia.

To one special point in the address to the medical profession, seemingly suggested by the "deplorable prevalence of female diseases," we wish to draw attention, as touching the important subject of vital statistics. It refers to the etiology and the consequences as affecting the mother as well as the offspring, as relates to the registration of premature births. Forms are prepared for the accurate inditement of these. Having marked some parts of this interesting report, which we intend to draw upon on a future occasion, we must conclude the present notice with the following truthful lines from the report by Dr. Campbell:—" Public sanitation is the last, the grandest, and most benevolent gift an enlightened government can bestow upon its people. Though not so proudly contemplated by the people of a State as would be the acquisition of a territory, nor so highly valued as the removal of an impost or the reduction of a tax; yet, in its efficient operation, preventitive medicine enhances the population more than the one, and enriches the people's treasury abundantly more than the other."