

have been tried; charms have been used to expel the evil spirit and pacify the offended gods, and when they have spent all and are nothing better they come to us, hoping to be cured, many of them 'right off.' Not a few are brought to us in the last stage of fatal sickness, and when we tell them that they cannot be cured their friends are most unwilling to carry them away, and often remain for hours on the compound, pleading with us most earnestly on their knees, and knocking their foreheads on the ground, to save them. It is hard to convince them that there is a limit to our power."

Japan.—It reads like a fairy tale, what the *Japan Mail* of November 10th tells of the Red Cross Hospital at Tokyo, to which a company of wounded Chinese soldiers were recently taken for healing. "It enjoys the reputation of being the best-equipped hospital in Asia. The laboratories, the museums, the operating theatres, the medical inspection rooms, the wards, all are supplied with everything that science in the most advanced stage dictates. Bright, airy rooms, capital beds soft as to mattresses and coverlets, excellent food, a spacious garden for exercise, scrupulous cleanliness everywhere, uniform kind treatment and nursing, a complete absence from toil and moil. It may safely be said that they never fared so sumptuously before." No wonder the prisoners were dazed, and feared they were being fattened for slaughter!

—*Life and Light* for December has an article upon the Kyoto Training School for Nurses, which ranks high among the Christian institutions of Japan, and gives a fine picture containing the faces of teachers, pupils, etc. Seven graduated last June, and 11 belong to the present senior class. Ten offered themselves as nurses to care for wounded soldiers.

AFRICA.

—It is said of Dr. Jennie Taylor, the bishop's niece, who recently accom-

panied him into the interior, that she was pleased with the country, the climate, the people, the missionaries, and even the dogs of Africa, enjoyed her walk of five hundred miles from the head of steamboat navigation, and had not been sick a minute since her arrival.

—Christian King Khama and some other members of his tribe have made a present of 40 oxen, which will realize some £352, to the Phalapy Mission, to aid in building the new mission-house there. His kindness and generosity have been further demonstrated by the construction of a road from the mission church to the stad, and a stone fence round the church itself. The work was performed in one week by two of Khama's regiments, under the Rev. W Willoughby's direction.

—Yes, Africa has a future. For "169,733 ounces of gold produced in one month, valued at £584,311, or an average of five tons of pure gold, valued at £4,611,732 sterling per annum; a gold reef 45 miles long; a town eight years old with a population of 40,000 Europeans and 40,000 natives; a gathering of men devout and otherwise out of every nation under heaven; a railway 1060 miles in length to Cape Town—such are some of the facts which have tended to make Johannesburg a place of world-wide interest." And the Wesleyans are helping to care for the spiritual interests of these thronging thousands. Thirteen preaching services are held regularly, and 2 open-air missions are sustained.

—The Livingstonia Mission Committee has appointed 3 evangelists and craftsmen to labor on Lake Nyassa. One of them, Mr. Malcolm Moffat, grandson of the famous missionary, has given up a lucrative colonial appointment for missionary work, and has now received the appointment of agriculturist for the new institution on the north-west of the lake. Numerous plants have been granted by the Kew Royal