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of the Colonial Nursing Association
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were in appreciative & laudatory
 terms. We have on several occasions
 drawn attention to the work of this
 association, & placed on record the
 testimony of medical men to the
 valuable assistance they have received from
 the nurses ~~to the~~ ~~work~~ ~~in~~ ~~their~~
 in their districts. Some 238 nurses
 have been sent out by the Colonial
 Nursing Association of whom
 163 ~~are~~ ^{are} in Government Service
 in the Crown Colonies. In Hospitals
 or in private work these nurses are
 employed, some in towns & some
 in "up-country" stations where their
 presence brings help ^{encouragement} to many
 a sick man far removed from
 civilisation & home comforts.

The lot of the nurse
 in tropical countries
 varies with the locality &
 environment in which she finds
 herself. In the towns ^{where} ~~where~~ nurses find
 themselves ^{usually} ~~of the~~ most
 pleasant; they are well received
 by the community & their work
 appreciated; ~~so easily does they~~
~~of the~~ ^{they} ~~classes~~ have several channels
 of obtaining recreation open to
 them. In isolated or 'up-country'
 districts however it is otherwise;
 long journeys by often hap-hazard
 means of conveyance, no white women
 near at hand to associate with; no
 recreation but perhaps a well thought
 book or out-of-date newspaper or
 magazine ^{suitable} ~~in~~ food ^{very} ~~patient~~ difficult
 is impossible to get. ^{being perhaps} the ~~cost~~ of a
 days journey off, she has to accept

responsibility ^{over} undergoes (anxiety,
Of the trouble & discomforts: are
many, however the comfort the
twins is untold & she ~~finds~~
her ^{her} upward accordingly. In many
parts of the twins there want
of means of recreation is a great
detriment to health & endurance. ~~to~~
To ~~have~~ ^{read} ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~books~~ ~~is~~
well enough for a time, but even
the most assiduous reader requires
something more to relieve the
monotony of "jungle life". More
especially is this the case with the
more who ^{has} constantly ^{evidence of illness} ~~suffer~~
before her with perhaps the com-
pensation ^{that} it may be her twin
next, with no ~~other~~ body work
after her. ^{other the ill} It is well therefore that
those responsible for sending out
nurses should see not only to their
bodily equipment but also to what

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They can't provide recreation ^{by combat} ~~for~~
a lonely ^{existence} ~~life~~. What can be done?

If the nurse has any taste for sketching
let it be encouraged not depreciated;

if she can play a guitar or even a
concertina all that she takes ^{one} ~~in~~ with
her, ^{Janey} needle ^{will help upon weary hours} ~~work~~ even cards for
patience should not be neglected. Mon-

otony, ^{in routine} is apt to engender low spirits,
& to lower the ^{power of} resistance to infection
~~by disease~~ ^{which have the way} to ill health. The mission-

ical philanthropist, who ~~is~~ ^{freely} ~~is~~ ^{supports}
missionary & other charitable work ^{may}
~~is apt to~~ ~~condemn~~ such recom-
mendations as smacking of levity &
worldliness. The missionary ^(he may say should) finds

recreation in administering to his people,
the nurse in attending to the sick ~~at the~~
~~belief of many~~ ^{is apt} ~~to~~
any departure ~~from~~

to be ~~for~~ ~~viewed~~ as a shame. The missionary
however is ~~also~~ better pleased than the

of country nurse for their ^{always} ~~also~~ a
 mission community, meetings, music, etc,
 & several forms of pastime to be organ-
 ized for the children; but for the ^{woman} ~~man~~
 in a mining camp or ^{small} station hospital
 sickness, ^{alone} is her ^{daily} ~~constant~~ companion &
~~often~~ her ^{daily} ~~nightly~~ care. In
 choosing a nurse for Colonial work
 in the schedule of questions she answered
~~concerning the answers~~ ~~by questions~~
~~to be filled in~~, it would be well
 to insert ^{inquiries as} ~~a query~~ "Have you any hobby?"
 What are your recreations? ~~Have~~
~~any~~ ~~attainments~~ in music or art?
 Do you play any musical instrument?
 & it would be well for the authorities
 other things being equal
 to decide upon the nurse who can give
~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~answers~~ to one or other of these.

Another point it would be well
^{for} ~~the~~ ~~Committee~~ ^{committee} of the Colonial
 Nursing Association to consider ~~is~~.

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the age of these nurses selected. The woman
of thirty stands in a tropical climate
stands better than the woman of 25 or
the woman of ~~30 to 35~~ ^{from 35 to 50} best of all.
'Too old at ~~for~~ forty' has been the reply
to several applicants for 3 posts under
the Association. ~~There is~~ a nurse between
40 & 50 years of age is at her very best,
experienced in many phases of her work,
& settled in her profession. ~~At 40 or 50~~
between 40 & 50 years of age ^{she} has arrived
at the time of life when she ^{is best} ~~is best~~
^{suites for} ~~best~~ ^{can best} stand tropical life, when the ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{best}
hand disease ^{when} ~~is not so much~~ attracted
~~to~~ the 'outing' necessary to younger
people ^{and} ~~is~~ not so essential ^{to her welfare} to refuse
nurses ^{of 35} ~~at 30 to 45~~ ^{on account of age} ~~years of age~~ seems
throwing away not only good but the very
best material & revision in this direction
would seem advisable & in the ~~best~~
interests of the Association.

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It would be useful were our readers
to give an expression of opinion
in regard to this matter

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