

THE following is the report of the examiner, Dr. Shaw, in connection with the Dumbarton Centre St. Andrew's Ambulance Association:—"All the ladies passed a very excellent examination, as evidenced by the percentages gained. Fifteen ladies of the class already hold the Sick Nursing certificate." One lady obtained the high percentage of ninety-five per cent., and was closely followed by other ladies in the class.

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THE Bangor Institution for Trained Nurses has just held two very successful—both from an artistic and pecuniary point of view—concerts, which were greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the district. We highly commend this plan at all times of "raising the wind."

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WE have much pleasure in giving space to the following report of the Melbourne District Nursing Society, kindly sent to us by a friend, as we feel sure that many of our readers will like to hear of the progress of Nursing work at the Antipodes:—"The annual meeting of the Melbourne District Nursing Society was held at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. There were present the president, Lady Clarke, Mrs. Goe, the Mayoress (Mrs. Benjamin), and about twenty other ladies. The Rev. A. Marshall was voted to the chair. The annual report was presented, from which the following are extracts."

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"THE Committee regret that they had to commence their financial year with only the small sum of £70 13s. 2½d. to their credit. The urgent demands made on the Society for Nursing, Medical comforts, and Nursing appliances soon exhausted its means. Some members of the Committee generously engaged themselves to solicit subscriptions amongst their friends, which they accordingly did. Lady Clarke offered the Committee the use of her ball-room in East Melbourne, for the purpose of holding a cake fair, which proved so highly successful that the funds of the Society were thereby increased by the sum of £265 4s. 4d. Miss Croaker, of Toorak, got up an entertainment on behalf of the Society, and presented the Society with the handsome sum of £56 8s. 6d. The object of the Society is to carry the benefits of skilled Nursing, Medical treatment, and comforts to the houses of the sick poor of the city, who, for sufficient reasons, do not wish to break up their homes, or who otherwise may not be fit subjects for public Hospitals. This system, moreover, may be credited with an educational value, which can hardly be overrated,

inasmuch as the Nurses, in every case where it is possible, teach mothers, wives, and daughters how to keep and ventilate a sick room, make and apply bandages, poultices, and other Medical appliances so essential to the comfort, and very often to the recovery, of the patients. The reports of the Superintendence Sub-Committees show that the total number of patients on the Society's books for the year was three hundred and sixty-three, of which one hundred and eighty were discharged as cured or relieved, twenty-two removed to the Hospitals, two to the Benevolent Asylum, one to the Convalescent Home, and fourteen died. Owing to the want of funds during the past year, the Committee were unable to carry out their resolution of either purchasing or renting a small house, centrally placed, where the Nurses could reside, and where their meetings might be held, and to which donations from our many charitable friends might be sent. This, of course, would require some alteration in the salaries of the Nurses, and would increase in some way the expenses of the Society; but we might reasonably hope, on the other hand, that it would render the work of the Society more efficacious. The Committee do not feel justified, in their present financial condition, in undertaking this scheme, but they beg that friends of the Society will bear its claims in mind, and help with special donations. By a special resolution during the past year, the Committee was enlarged from twenty-four to thirty Members. There have also been many changes in the *personnel* of the Committee: chief amongst these is the resignation of Mrs. Walker as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, to which office Mrs. Goe was unanimously elected. The Committee have to mention with regret the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Harlin, who, from the inception of the Society, had been an untiring and zealous worker in its interests. The Committee elected Miss Becks in his stead. The resignation of Mr. Lush as Hon. Treasurer was also received with regret. Mrs. N. Maine was appointed to succeed him in that position. To the Medical men of Melbourne who have gratuitously visited and prescribed for the patients, the Committee desire to tender their grateful thanks."

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"THE balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year amounted to £513 7s. 4½d., which, added to the balance brought forward from last year, made a total of £584 os. 7d. Out of this there remains to the credit of the Society an unexpended balance of £263 5s. 1d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, on the motion of Lady Clarke, seconded by Mrs. Goe."

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