

NURSING ECHOES.

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I WAS unable last week to state that on the 27th of last month was held the annual meeting of the Dundee Sick Nursing Society, affiliated with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute (the Scottish Branch). The Directors reported "that the first four months were occupied in collecting funds and looking out for two



qualified Nurses, and it was on the 3rd of March that the first two Nurses, Miss Mackay and Miss Bryde, arrived in Dundee and began their work. A suitable house, No. 4, Dudhope Place, was for sale, and through the kindness of the late Mrs. Curr's trustees, who gave £1,000, and other ladies and gentlemen, who subscribed £700, the house was purchased for £1,300, altered and furnished for £400, and opened free of debt on the 26th of June. During the six months the two Nurses had been at work their services had been so much sought after that it was seen to be necessary to engage a third (Miss Smith), who entered on her duties in the middle of August, and even now, if funds were forthcoming, abundance of work could be found for another three. At first the city was divided into two districts, but since the arrival of the third Nurse it has been apportioned as follows: The Western District—that part of the city lying to the West of Tay Street—is under the charge of Miss Smith; the Eastern District—all East of Hilltown and Wellgate—is attended to by Miss Bryde; and the Central District—lying between these two—is looked after by Miss Mackay, who also acts as Superintendent of the Home. The services of the Nurses are free to all who are sick and poor, and a message giving name and address of patient sent by anyone, whether subscriber or not, to the Superintendent, 4, Dudhope Place, will be at once attended to. The following is a summary of the work accomplished from March 6th to September 30th: Cases nursed, 136; visits paid, 3,440; recovered, 64; transferred to Hospital, five; died, 33; removed for other causes, 12; still on the books, 22; total, 136. The following list shows by whom the patients were sent: medical men, 27; clergymen, 10; district visitors and Bible-women, 51; Royal Infirmary, 2; patients or their friends, 46. The report concludes as follows:—The services

of the Nurses have been much sought after. Their labours have been greatly appreciated, and their visits have been expectantly longed for by their sick and suffering patients. From time to time reports have reached the Directors of the skilful, kindly, and devoted way in which they have performed their sad and trying work. The work of the Sick Poor Nursing Society has made two things abundantly clear. The first of these is the vast amount of sickness and suffering there is in the homes of the poor, much of it being borne with a quiet, uncomplaining, resigned spirit, and the ability of the Nurses to heal and mitigate much of the sickness and suffering. The second fact brought to light is the large number of poor who are patiently suffering from incurable diseases, which calls loudly for the establishment of a Hospital for Incurables, so that these poor sufferers whose diseases can never be healed may have their painful, hopeless, suffering lives soothed and cheered on their weary way through the dark valley."

It is my pleasure also to state that there was a balance of £119 6s. 3d., which is particularly gratifying and satisfactory.

At the Ruridecanal Conference, at Kington (Herefordshire), held recently, a committee was formed consisting of the following:—The Hon. and Ven. Archdeacon Stanhope, the Revs. C. S. Palmer, C. E. Maddison Green, the Rev. C. E. Craigie, Mr. Reavely, Mr. Stephen Robinson, Mr. Temple, and the following ladies:—Lady Ormathwaite, Lady Cornwall, Lady Brydges, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Green (Whitern), Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Smith (Garnstone), Miss Green-Price (Miss Fawcett consented to act as secretary *pro tem.*), to establish a Village Nursing Association.

RUSTINGTON (Sussex) is to have a village Nurse, thanks to the energy and foresight of Mrs. G. Wellesley and other ladies. I wish the little movement very cordial success.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire) has made a very brave attempt to establish a scheme for providing Nurses for the sick poor of the town, and the Stafford District Nursing Society is the result. Miss Croft, or, as she is called, "Sister Mary," is in charge, and Mrs. Leggett, and Mrs. J. Morgan, and the Rev. J. T. Owen, the Secretaries. Sir Smith Child has very handsomely contributed £100 to the funds. I wish the society every possible success in its good work. As someone recently remarked, "A little patience and contrivance, and mutual working together, would

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