

any yet accomplished. The demand for Nurses was very great, especially during the early months of the year. As many as sixty cases had to be refused in one week owing to all the Nurses being engaged. The number on the Staff is: Private Nurses, 87; District Nurses, 13; Probationers, 12; total, 112. The earnings reached the large sum of £4,162. Six hundred and sixty-six cases were attended for a total of 3,429 weeks. The loss on reduced fees or gratuitous cases and District Nursing amounted to £187 17s.—*i.e.*, £45 16s. more than the subscriptions given by the public for the purpose. In other words, the Staffordshire people allowed their Nurses to pay this amount for the care of the sick poor, a typical example of vicarious charity, which I feel sure the benevolent in Stoke-on-Trent will never permit to occur again. I cannot commend the Institution too highly, because it not only does a great work, but it also treats its Nurses fairly. I commend the following paragraph from the Report to the attention of Nurse-sweating Institutions throughout the country:—

"The Committee recognise the claim which the Nurses who have been employed so continuously, and have discharged their duties so satisfactorily, have to a share of the profits. As long as a debt remained upon the Building Fund it was necessary to transfer a considerable sum, year by year, for its reduction; but in 1889 the Committee voted a sum of £73, and, in 1890, of £155, to be divided as a bonus amongst the Nurses. The balance in hand at the close of 1890 did not allow of this being repeated in 1891; but the Committee recommend that, out of the sum now in hand, £208 should be placed at Miss SHIRLEY'S disposal, for division according to a scale which she has prepared and will submit to the general meeting. The amount available for this purpose in any year must depend upon the earnings, and the surplus, after all expenses of the Institution have been paid. With this reservation, however, the Committee admit that the Nurses have an equitable claim to have their wages augmented by a share in the profits."

MISS SUSAN M. WORTHINGTON, M.R.B.N.A., has been engaged for the past three months in delivering a course of lectures on Home Nursing in connection with the Technical Education Branch of the Sussex County Council. In the twenty parishes where the classes have been held there has been an average weekly attendance of fifty-four in each class, and the subject has proved most popular. It is proposed to continue these lessons in the autumn. The lecturer has been invited to prepare an advanced course to complete instruction already given. Miss WORTHINGTON was trained at Pendlebury, and has excellent testimonials from many professional men, who have known her as a private Nurse.

DISPOSE OF THE DEAD AS NATURE DIRECTS.—Everyone interested in the reform of funeral abuses should read the brochure published by the London Necropolis Company. It can be had gratis of the Secretary, 2, Lancaster Place, Strand, or 188, Westminster Bridge Road,

I AM glad to hear that Miss G. MAREDYDD HARRISON, the late Matron of the Lowestoft Hospital, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Private Nursing Institution at Grosvenor Street, Manchester. She will have the earnest good wishes for her success in her new work of many Nurses who feel that, whatever the merits of the case, Miss HARRISON was not treated fairly by the Committee of the Lowestoft Hospital.

THE fortieth Annual Report of the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street is very suggestive of the great work in which that Institution is engaged. The new and handsome addition to the Hospital is now completed, and only awaits the necessary funds to be furnished and made available for the many who urgently need admission. I observe that the form of accounts now adopted has been worked out and adopted by a Committee of London Hospital Secretaries, and for clearness and conciseness it certainly has many advantages. I would humbly, however, suggest that to make it consistent it would be an improvement to make the headings on both sides of the account identical, and as (A) is ordinary income and (B) extraordinary income on the Dr. side, so (A) should be ordinary expenditure and (B) extraordinary expenditure on the Cr. side—maintenance and administration being sub-headings. I would further suggest that two useful sub-headings for income would be "From Reliable Sources," to include annual subscriptions, dividends, and the Hospital Sunday and Saturday Funds; and "From Variable Sources," to include receipts from donations, Nursing Institution, entertainments, &c. And if legacies are included amongst the extraordinary income it would, surely, only be consistent to include the investments purchased therewith, amongst the extraordinary expenditure.

I AM extremely glad to see that the Hospital publishes its Private Nursing accounts, therein pursuing not only an honest course towards its subscribers, but setting an excellent example to Institutions which—like the London Hospital—attempt to keep those who support them in the dark as to the profits of the Nurse-sweating business which they carry on. The Report states that "Miss WILSON, Lady Superintendent of Cromwell House (the suburban branch of the Hospital), has been appointed Matron of the Cardiff Infirmary, and has consequently resigned her office at Highgate. Miss WILSON had done excellent work at Highgate, and the Committee rejoice at her promotion. Miss BLANCHE POWER,

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