

arousing a spirit of opposition on the part of any Nurse. I desire the aid of all Nurses in the effort which is made to make the Congress a success.—I am, etc.,

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I AM told that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK and Miss DE PLEDGE have been appointed by the Royal British Nurses' Association as its delegates to the Chicago Congress. It will be generally felt that the Association is fortunate in being so well represented.

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THE Bishop of DURHAM has recently delivered an eloquent address upon Nursing at the Annual Meeting of the Auckland District Nursing Association which deserves the attention of all who are connected with similar work in other localities throughout the country. He said:—"The object of Nursing Associations must commend itself without the least reserve to everyone, and not the object only, but also the method in which the object was pursued. There were very few methods that could commend themselves in a similar proportion. Some objections were even brought against Hospitals, but he knew no objections that could possibly be brought against the objects of their society. It was surely a pure and simple act that the tender care of Nurses should be brought to the suffering in their own homes. It was good that provision in that way should be made, dealing with accidents, and, if possible, avoiding the risk and suffering of removal to a distance; and it was good that, as it were by an effective object lesson, the poor should be taught the value and power of cleanliness at home. And whilst the objects and the methods of the society commended themselves to them so thoroughly, if they looked at the report and read it with care they would see that the good work had been effectively done by the Nurses of the Association during the last year. They had visited 186 cases, and upon an average they seemed to have visited each case eight or nine times. They could all feel, to go back to the object lesson, what priceless instruction would have been conveyed to those 186 homes by the quiet tender administration of those Nurses. They felt at every home they had not only received alleviation of suffering, but guidance and instruction which might be precious for the future. About one-third of the cases represented illness where Nursing was simply priceless, and he was rejoiced that through that society help was contributed in that large number of cases where it would be most wanted

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Another thing that struck him was that three-fourths of the patients were women and children. That again was a most striking, a most touching fact, and he could not help thinking that when its good was comprehended, they would find more support for that society than they had hitherto had. He did not know what was the average mortality in the cases of sickness attended by the Nurses, but he felt that the work was thoroughly good when he found that three-fourths of the cases resulted in certain and permanent cure.

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But while their methods were good, and the results satisfactory, while the medical men showed their own confidence in the Nursing by recommending in the large majority of cases the attention of the Nurses; as their President had reminded them the financial position was by no means satisfactory. They needed an addition of at least £50 annual income if the work had to be continued on a scale which they could regard as adequate to the needs of the town. The object which they presented to themselves that evening was to secure that additional £50. In looking over the list he was greatly disappointed with the subscriptions of those for whose benefit the Nursing Association was established. He could not help contrasting the very small subscriptions given by them as compared with the subscriptions given by the working men of Sunderland to their Infirmary. He confessed he would be disappointed in the men of Bishop Auckland, or Durham anywhere, if they thought that their own needs required to be dealt with before the needs of their wives and children, and that was a subject which he would venture to touch upon as a pathetic fact, that three-fourths of the cases dealt with were sufferings of women and children. Let their working men think of the fact, and he would be grievously disappointed if they were not only willing but eager to subscribe to that fund. He noticed and was rejoiced to see that on the whole it seemed that the subscriptions were larger and more generously diffused than the subscriptions for any corresponding Institution. Perhaps in time of emergency those who contributed generously to that amount might increase their subscriptions. Many of them he knew would be glad to do so if it was necessary, and at the same time he could not but feel that there were many who had not yet claimed that privilege of giving to a work which must commend itself to everyone.

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That led one to go a step further and wonder why they had never really recognised what was one

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