

sympathetic response from a nurse who is struggling in a country district to live, and provide for the future, on a miserably inadequate salary. The question of the salaries of district nurses is undoubtedly one which demands attention. It is by no means uncommon, even in these days, for a district nurse to be offered £1 a week, and, though no doubt she oftens receives friendly gifts "in kind," a self-respecting nurse will scarcely consent to be dependent upon charity for the necessaries of life, nor is there any reason why she should be, while she has a skilled and remunerative calling to fall back upon. It is difficult for country committees to grasp the fact of the rapid progress made during the last twenty years in nursing matters, or to realize that the salary which sufficed for the respectable working woman who waited on the sick and infirm of the parish faithfully, according to her lights, and did her own house-work, cooking, and baking, between times, will not command the services of the highly trained nurse of the present day, but the question is undoubtedly one which will have to be faced in the near future.

LADY HELEN STEWART is being brought up in the way she should go, by her talented mother, Lady Londonderry; and we are glad to find her taking the chair at the Annual Meeting of the Newtownards District Nursing Association.

"Lady Helen said she saw by the programme it was her duty to move the adoption of the report. Instead of making a speech she would read a few sentences which the Marchioness of Londonderry, who they were aware was unable to be present, had requested her to place before them. 'Ladies and gentlemen,—I regret extremely my inability to be present to-day at the annual meeting of the Newtownards Nursing Association. I have read with great interest the report of the work done during the past year. I note with satisfaction that the nurse's services are so well appreciated by those for whose benefit this Association was started. As is so fully mentioned in the report, a mere statement of figures conveys no adequate idea of the amount of work each visit entails, nor how much suffering is alleviated. It is a source of great gratification to me to hear that the effect of the nurse's presence has been beneficial in addition to the actual nursing by bringing a refining influence to bear on the people, by advocating a higher standard of cleanliness, and by inculcating a knowledge of sanitary principles, which conduce to the preservation of health, and consequently well-being of the patients. I thank the framer of the report for the kind mention he makes of my inauguration of the Nursing Association, but I am deeply conscious of the fact that the idea alone would have been of no value had I not been so ably supported by all my kind friends in Newtownards, especially by Miss Weir, whose wise counsels and able management have been of such service to our undertaking, and Mr. Ledgerwood. It is with deep regret that I hear he is unable to continue to act as secretary to the Association, but I trust that he will always give it the benefit of his support and advice. I beg to express my most sincere thanks to Nurse

Love for the able manner in which she has discharged the duties, and for the self-denial she exercises in the performance of her task, and for the tender care she bestows on her patients. I am, with sincere good wishes for the continued prosperity of the Newtownards Nursing Association, truly yours, T. Londonderry."

We like Lady Londonderry's "personal touches" in this letter, and feel sure both Miss Weir and Nurse Love will work with renewed energy with the knowledge that their work is appreciated. So much that we women do is taken as a matter of course.

THE Duchess of Portland has promised to open, this month, the new nurses' home which has been erected as a Jubilee memorial at Hucknall Torkard.

WE are glad to learn that the subscribers to the Ladies' Charity at Warwick have exercised their common sense. Sister Monica is to remain as nurse of the Ladies' Charity. At a very large meeting a resolution was carried by a majority expressing regret that she has seceded to the Roman Church, but retaining her services on the ground of her self-denying labours, and in the assurance that she will not attempt to influence the patients in a sectarian direction.

MUCH excitement has been rife in the neighbourhood of Warwick, owing to an epidemic of illness which has attacked the inmates of Hatton County Lunatic Asylum, and a number of Warwick residents within the last ten days. The sickness, which is described as of a most painful and serious character, broke out after the annual attendants' ball, held at the asylum on Friday night, and many of those who have suffered, and who are not officially connected with the institution, but merely went to the ball as invited guests, ascribed their indisposition to the food they had to eat on this occasion, and the report was to the effect that the indisposition was alleged to be ptomaine poisoning, as the result of eating some rabbit pie.

THE ball is an annual one, and nothing of the kind has occurred before. A Warwick doctor is stated to have expressed the opinion that the illness must be due to insertion of some foreign substance into the food. It is also said that some of the inmates, who are not very mad, are engaged in the kitchen. We do not know if the latter assertion is correct, but we are of opinion that under no circumstances should a mental patient be employed in the kitchen of a public institution—there must be a modicum of danger in such a situation.

DR. MILLER, on the other hand, the superintendent of the Asylum, considers the epidemic is due to influenza, and it will be learnt with regret that Mrs.

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