

hospitals for further training. We should be glad if some of our readers would give us their views as to the best methods of organising the nursing in such hospitals.

A LONG article, headed "The Cuban Experiences of a British Nurse" has appeared in the *Rangoon Gazette*, founded on the story as related in *The Times*, which deals with the doings of "Sister Mary Wilberforce" in Jamaica, a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who arrived in Jamaica in June last, having been ordered out of Cuba by Captain General Blanco.

"SISTER MARY WILBERFORCE, R.B.N.A., stated that she had originally intended to go to Greece as a nurse during the war (this is true; she *did* apply, but she did *not* go), but was induced to go to Cuba instead by the Spanish Ambassador in London." And then follow accusations against the Spanish authorities, and details of her own heroism in feeding the hungry, etc. It appears however, that in spite of her R.B.N.A. credentials, the Spanish officials were somewhat wide awake, and having made her disgorge both food and money, or as it is related, having "ransacked her house, and taken everything in the shape of food and money they could lay their hands on," these spirited Spanish raiders followed up this capture by promptly bundling "Sister Mary Wilberforce, R.B.N.A." out of Cuba. And small blame to them.

THIS woman has "done time" for theft, both in England and in the States. She has been in prison for this same offence *since she was elected a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association*, and although we protested in the Executive Committee against her being permitted to remain a member of this Association in 1894, she is still trading on her connection with the Chartered Corporation to bring disgrace on British Nurses in any quarter of the globe she pleases. Had the Hon. Officers dealt promptly with this case some years ago "Sister Mary Wilberforce" would not now be posing as a heroine in *The Times* newspaper and Colonial Press.

So another Assistant Secretary is required at the Chartered Nurses' Society. This will make the third Assistant Miss Etta Jackson has had in less than a three years' term of office. We should advise the Committee to rearrange the respective duties of their paid officials if they wish to retain the services of a responsible and self-respecting person as Assistant Secretary. A little less of the drudgery, and a fairer division of the pay, which we are told is £40 a year, or 15s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a-week, might be conducive to a more harmonious atmosphere at 24, Princes Street. It is worth a trial.

THE report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation for Trained Nurses last week, is of a very satisfactory nature, and Mr. John Polson, who presided in the absence of his daughter, Mrs. Cameron Corbett, congratulated the meeting upon the success of the Co-operation, which, he said, was not only self-supporting, but had actually made a profit.

MR. J. ALEXANDER BLACKIE submitted the treasurer's report, which stated that the gross sum earned by nurses amounted to £4,103 12s. 1d., as compared with £2,969 10s. 1d. last year, being an increase of £1,134 2s. One nurse earned £85 13s., and another £82 17s. 6d., while those nurses who worked eleven months (allowing one month for holiday), made from £60 to £80. Over the year there was a surplus of £140. The report of the secretary showed that nurses had been well employed throughout the year. There were 60 on the roll at the beginning of the year, and 74 at the close, and all had received constant employment. The number of cases attended was 714, as compared with 531 in the previous year. The executive recently arranged to retain the use of a house at the seaside where nurses undergo the usual quarantine on coming from infectious cases. The executive is at present considering the question of buying a house for the Co-operation, as the lease of the present premises expires at Whitsunday, 1899. The Co-operation were indebted to Mrs. Elder for the gift of a piano for the nurses' parlour.

DR. DAVID NEWMAN, in moving the adoption of the reports, said that the progress they were making appeared all the more marked when they remembered that in 1894, its first year, they had only some 300 patients attended; in the following year, 379; in 1896, 401; last year 531; and this year, 714—some 2,175 patients in all. It was safe to predict that before very long the Co-operation would have to provide more nurses. Not only so, but they would require to acquire larger premises. The public were beginning to appreciate the value of well-trained nurses, and that they had so many well-qualified nurses in Glasgow was due to the fact that they all got a thoroughly good training for three years in one or other of the excellent infirmaries or hospitals.

PROFESSOR COATS seconded, and speaking of the tiresome and fatiguing work which nurses had to undertake, said they should be well remunerated. The reports were adopted, and Mrs. John Elder was re-elected President, and Mr. G. Wink Wight hon. secretary and auditor.

THERE is one point on which enlightenment might have been given in the financial report; we

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