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get the Bill through this Session. The Bill was a strong one, having been outlined by Mrs. Hampton Robb. The Bill met with tremendous opposition from the small private hospitals and sanatoria, mostly commercial concerns, which nurse on the cheap, and where the education of the nurse is quite a secondary consideration.

Sir Julian Goldsmid's Idome of Rest for Murses.

Hundreds of our readers are acquainted with the beautiful Home at 12, Sussex Sq., Brighton, because they have enjoyed a restful holiday there, probably, when they greatly needed it. It is generally known that Mrs. Lionel Lucas whose charitable generosity is so widely known -has made the Home a memorial of her late brother, Sir Julian Goldsmid, and, not content with purchasing the freehold, has from time to time contributed largely to its upkeep. The Committee desire to place the Institution on a permanently secure financial basis by investing £7,000 as an Endowment Fund; because, beyond the small sums nurses are asked to pay, the expenses of the Home average £250 a year. One of our friends has been good enough to leave a legacy to the Home of £250, and we hope that of the many who esteemed the late Sir Julian Goldsmid some will come forward with donations, or, at any rate, will remember the Home in their wills, so that this Endowment Fund may be secured. Meanwhile, we have the great pleasure to acknowledge the following donations to the Home which have been received this week, and hope that many other charitable people will follow such excellent examples :---

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Hurses' Social Union.

The work of the "Nurses' Social Union," which was started by Miss Eden in Somerset five years ago, has now firmly established itself. The county is mapped out into seven centres, each one under the care of a lady, who keeps a list of all the nurses in it and organises meetings from time to time. Four such meetings have been held during April-one at Weston-super-Mare at the house of Mrs. Wallace, another at Miss Berryman's in Shepton Mallet, a third at Norton Manor, where a fine day enabled the nurses to thoroughly enjoy the beautiful grounds in which their hostess, Mrs. Wilfred Marshall, kindly allowed them to wander at will. The fourth meeting was held at Miss Herringham's house in Bath, and special interest attaches to it as it was the first in that centre. Between fifty and sixty nurses attended, and were one and all delighted with their afternoon, and many begged that it might soon be repeated ! One of the aims of the Union is to help nurses professionally, and so a lecture is usually given. The success of these four meetings must be shared between the hostesses and the lecturer, Mrs. Clare Goslett. The former did everything to make it a red letter day for their guests.

The Union has now attained to the dignity of a President and a motto. The former is Miss Amy Hughes and the latter, "*Per ardua ad astra.*" ("Through troubles to the skies"). It is hoped that such meetings may be extended beyond Somerset; any further information may be obtained from Miss Joseph, Holford, Bridgwater, who is temporarily taking Miss Eden's place as central organiser.

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