

would be bankrupt in two years. Lady Lonsdale said the work was satisfactory so far, but it was the old, old story—they wanted more money. They had plenty for the coming year, however, and she did not doubt they would be able to get what was needed afterwards.

A nursing association has been formed for North Wingfield, Yorkshire, with the Rev. C. J. Boden, Rector, as President. It is proposed to provide a nurse and midwife for the parish, whose services shall be free, in case of sickness, to annual subscribers of one shilling and upwards. For midwifery cases the charge will be 7s. 6d. to subscribers, and 10s. to non-subscribers.

The Primus (Bishop Wilkinson), recently dedicated in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, an illuminated window which has been erected in the north transept in memory of Miss Beatrice Marianne Jane Graeme, of Inchbrakie, who for a number of years laboured amongst the poor in Perth as a Queen Victoria Jubilee nurse, and who died on 9th October, 1905. The window represents the Crucifixion, and a bronze plate sets forth the good work which Miss Graeme did as a nurse in the Fair City. The service, which was very impressive, was attended by a large congregation. The Primus, in a brief address, paid a touching tribute to the memory of the nurse, who, he said, had devoted herself to the service of her Master by giving up her life to attend to the spiritual and material needs of the poor. Miss Murray MacGregor assisted at the dedication ceremony.

An Australian nurse writing in the journal of her association on her experiences in San Francisco during the earthquake, says: "It seems to me that right now is the time and place to mention a small matter that has often occurred to me before, and that is the question of "pins." I think I have referred to it before; but it was only during this experience that I realised its true value. I have always worn my association pin in my collar, and that alone gave me almost, and indeed did practically give me the freedom of the city all through those weeks. During the days of the fire itself, when every street was lined with the military, turning people out of their houses and refusing to allow them through the fire lines, when I had been stopped many times with bayonet and a rough grasp on my arm, just to point to my pin was all that was needed to let me pass: that carried me anywhere, enabled me to return to the hospital for needed articles, when others would

have been shot down for attempting to cross the lines. Such a little thing to carry, and yet so much use."

Dr. P. T. Cairns, writing to the *Cape Times*, urges the necessity of establishing district nurses in the country districts of the colony, where many lives are lost annually simply for want of good nursing. The percentage of the population which can afford to pay a nurse £3 3s. a week is, he says, a very small one. A man earning £5 a month (how does this compare with the wages of Chinese coolies?) has very few guineas to spare at the end of a year. And there are many such. The proposal is that annual subscribers of 10s. should be entitled to the services of the nurse free, providing only board and lodging. Two hundred and ten yearly subscribers would give £100 as salary for the nurse and £10 for expenses. The difficulty in this scheme would, we fear, be that such a resident nurse might be required by several subscribers at the same time. Considering, also the cost of living and travelling in South Africa, the salary which it is proposed to give the nurse is not large.

Legal Matters.

The trial of "Nurse" Miller charged with illegal practices in connection with a maternity home in Leeds, was begun on Tuesday, at the Leeds Assizes, before Mr Justice Bigham. Mr. R. Wallace, K.C., for the Crown, said that he proposed to offer evidence that the practice and profession of the accused were of a criminal character, in addition to proving the indictment that a woman had undergone an illegal operation at her home. We refer to this case because the accused woman has been widely described in the press as a nurse, but no proof that she has received training in this capacity has, so far as we are aware, been offered.

At the Sussex Assizes last week Jane Ethel Lowry, known as Nurse Ethel, of Brighton, was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment. She married in 1904, and it was stated that her husband who had been a doctor's assistant, made use of her in carrying on an illegal practice, and in exchange for large fees compelled her to administer certain drugs to women. When the police got on his track the husband committed suicide, leaving his wife to face the trouble.

It does not appear that any evidence was offered that the convicted woman was a trained nurse.

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