

tion Companies allowing the Nursing Sisters in Eastern Bengal and Assam, to travel by their steamers at half the ordinary fares in force from time to time on the different services.

*Concessions.*—Special rates have been granted to Regiments, British and Indian, Firms, and other Civil Bodies on payment of a lump sum annually. They are as follows:—

(1) All the legitimate members of a subscriber's family. (Subscription being Rs. 10 per annum for incomes of Rs. 500 and under and Rs. 20 per annum for incomes above Rs. 500.)

(2) Members of any recognised firm who shall make an annual subscription of Rs. 50, and whose numbers do not exceed 15.

(3) Officers of a British Regiment whose regiment shall make an annual subscription of Rs. 100 and Rs. 50 in the case of an Indian Regiment, and whose numbers do not exceed 15. Over that number in all cases, Rs. 5 per head per annum. Names of such members to be submitted annually, when subscription is paid to the Provincial Branch.

An abbreviated telegraphic address has been chosen—"Mintona" and Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the Nursing Sisters have been drawn up.

Articles of the Association have been drawn up, and the Government of India have been good enough to permit the transmission of money to or by the Association, by Remittance Transfer Receipts, free of charge.

The Financial Statement presented by the Honorary Treasurer was most satisfactory. The sum of 3½ lakhs of rupees has already been invested as an Endowment Fund. A grant of Rs. 70,000 from the Funds realised by the Minto Fancy Fete was recorded, also a donation of Rs. 10,000 from Her Highness the Maharani of Jaipur.

Since January, five Nursing Sisters have been selected in India, two of whom have received their entire training in this country; one is Australian trained, and the remaining two received their professional education in England. Three are already working at their respective centres. In addition, 10 Nursing Sisters have arrived from England since the beginning of the year, and have been attached to the various Branches, where they were most needed. In October our staff will be increased by 10 more nurses.

*Punjab Branch.*—This Branch originally formed part of the Up-Country Nursing Association, whose existence covered a space of 12 years. It was incorporated in October, 1906, in the new scheme, and the Lady Superintendent, with the Nursing Sisters, expressed their willingness to re-engage under the new Association. As it was necessary to increase as soon as possible the number of nurses, the question of additional accommodation had to be considered, and a second house in Kasauli—"Roscommon"—was secured at a rental of Rs. 1,200 per annum by the Provincial Government through the Punjab Committee. In January the number of nurses was increased to nine, and in March the total reached 11, and by

next October, their number will be made up to 14.

In April this Branch had the misfortune to lose a Nursing Sister from ptomaine poisoning. She had only arrived in the country in January, and had already proved herself an excellent nurse, with a pleasing personality, so that, in every way, the Association has experienced a serious loss by her death.

By many Kasauli is not considered sufficiently central for a home, and it is thought that the Association loses thereby. It has been suggested that a second home should be established at Murree or Rawal Pindi.

*North-West Frontier Province.*—This Branch is in reality amalgamated with the Punjab establishment on the grounds of economy and convenience, and, in addition, it has been pointed out that the Punjab presents a larger sphere of work so that if there were no demand for the Nursing Sisters in the North-West Frontier Province, they might be suitably employed elsewhere in the Punjab.

*United Provinces' Branch.*—The United Provinces' Branch was incorporated in the new scheme in January last, and the Lady Superintendent and her staff of six Nursing Sisters agreed to re-engage under the new Association, and at the same time the Central Committee consented to accept full liability of existing agreements in the cases of all.

It was found necessary immediately to provide additional accommodation to meet the increase in the number of the Nursing Sisters. The number was raised in January from 7 to 9. A house was secured at Naini, which with additions, was reckoned to be able to take in 12 nurses. These improvements and alterations have all been carried out through the instrumentality of the Provincial Government.

There has been unfortunately much illness amongst the Nursing Sisters. One of them, who only arrived in the country in January, contracted enteric, and for many weeks her life was despaired of, but she is now convalescent.

*Baluchistan Branch.*—This centre was started in January of this year, and we have every reason to believe that it is working satisfactorily as far as the Nursing Sisters are concerned.

The financial state of affairs is, perhaps, not so encouraging, but a full year, however, will be necessary to gauge the earnings on account of fees. The Committee are most hopeful, saying that the advantages to be derived by subscribers are not yet fully appreciated, but a leaflet setting forth its advantages is being sent to each new comer, and, in addition, many more subscribers are expected owing to the increase of the garrison by one regiment, and the opening of the Staff College.

*Eastern Bengal and Assam Branch.*—Was started in March, and two Nursing Sisters left Calcutta for Shillong on the 26th to take up their work in the new centre. They have been provided with a cottage in the grounds of the Shillong Hotel, and we understand that they are very comfortably settled. At a meeting held at Govern-

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