

ment House, Shillong, of the Provincial Committee, it was decided that more nurses were required, and there was a belief expressed that their presence would stimulate local subscriptions. Therefore the Committee considered that they were justified in asking for six more nurses: two for the Duars, two for the Assam Valley, and two for the Surma Valley, the respective centres being at Shillong, Dacca, Silchar, Jalpaiguri, and it was further decided to approach the Local Governments in each case with a view to establishing or renting homes in the stations suggested. As regards Jalpaiguri, application was made for two nurses some weeks ago, and towards the end of last month this centre began its work. It was also agreed that the Nursing Sisters, on account of the unhealthy climate of the Duars, should be interchanged every six months, i.e., six months in Duars to be followed by six months in Shillong, a hill station. In October next there will be a staff of eight nurses in this province, and a Lady Superintendent.

Central Provinces Branch.—This Branch was opened at the end of June, 1907, by the installation of two Nursing Sisters in quarters provided for them at the Mayo Hospital, Nagpur. Accommodation has been allotted them at the European Hospital, Pachmarhi, for the three hot months.

Central India.—Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable accommodation for the Nursing Sisters, but, notwithstanding, progress has been made. The Committee have been selected, and Indore has been chosen as the headquarters of the nursing staff.

Rajputana.—The headquarters of this branch is to be at Ajmer. It had been hoped that by the end of July this Branch would have been working, but a delay has occurred quite unexpectedly owing to the fact that the appeal for subscriptions is only just being issued, and, although the quarters for the Nursing Sisters are ready, it was deemed wiser to defer the opening of the Branch till the financial position was more assured. Hot weather quarters will eventually be provided for the Nursing Sisters at Mount Abu.

Communications have taken place between the Hon'ble Mr. Colvin, Agent to the Governor-General, and the Agent of the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway with a view to the combination of the Railway Nursing with that of the Association, and it is hoped that an agreement will be arrived at by which this centre will be able to supply all the nurses required.

Burma.—Communications have also taken place with reference to the formation of a Branch in Burma, but, so far, nothing of a very definite nature has been settled.

Madras Branch (proposed).—The questions of incorporating Lady Amptill's Institute with Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association was considered at a meeting held in Madras, but it was resolved not to amalgamate, on the ground that the conditions in Southern India were very different from those in Northern India, and also on account of the great distance from Simla.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The President of the Local Government Board has authorised the following researches under the grant voted by Parliament in aid of scientific investigation concerning the causes and processes of disease:—

1. Further study by Dr. Sidney Martin, F.R.S., of the chemical products of pathogenic bacteria.
2. Bacteriological investigation by Dr. F. W. Andrewes of the air of sewers and drains.
3. Observation by Dr. W. G. Savage of the bacteriology of "garget" and maladies of the udder or teats of milch cows, and of possible relation of sore throat in the human subject to pathological conditions of the udder and teats of these animals. Also investigation by him of Para-typhoid fever and its microbic cause.
4. Joint investigation by Drs. M. H. Gordon and T. J. Horder of the life processes of the Meningococcus, with a view to means of combating cerebro-spinal fever.

According to the *British Medical Journal*, the average income of the medical man in this country works out at something between £220 and £250, and it considers that practitioners are themselves to blame, that in the past they have, through want of unity and through the action of rivalry in the struggle for existence, accepted fees unworthy of the skilled work done.

Princess Henry of Battenberg is to visit Rugby on October 26th, to open a new children's ward at the local hospital.

Hackney Guardians have received the sanction of the Local Government Board to erect a new pavilion at the infirmary, at a cost of £21,050.

The Belfast lunatic asylums governors are establishing a number of villas for the insane, each to hold about 50 patients. The inmates may go from one room to another and into the garden without hindrance, and also assist in the cooking.

The trustees of the estate of Mr. Edward Wilson, late proprietor of the *Melbourne Argus*, have made a donation of £100,000 towards the erection of a new Melbourne hospital on the condition that the site of the existing institution is retained unless a more suitable one can be found within six months.

Baron Dr. Henri de Rothschild, who is establishing a hospital at Tangier, recently visited Casa Blanca, accompanied by a French and two Spanish doctors, in order to gain a knowledge of the actual situation. Dr. de Rothschild has been awarded the *palme d'officier de l'instruction* by the Director-General of the Assistance Publique, Paris.

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