

Glasgow) has sailed to Anand, N. India, under the Irish Presbyterian Mission.

Miss H. Vickers (Mildmay Mission Hospital) is sailing for China under the China Inland Mission.

Miss McAndie is proceeding to Kalimpong, India, to work among children at the St. Andrew's Colonial Home.

Miss Richardson will be "At Home" at 52, Lower Sloane Street, every Thursday morning, from January 23rd to March 13th inclusive.

Miss Harrison will be "At Home" to Nurses, at the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, every Monday evening during the winter.

A course of Lectures will be given by Dr. H. Gordon Mackenzie in February, at 33, Bedford Square, W.C., to which all members of the Nursing profession are invited.

The subjects will be as follows:—

1. The relation of the world of work to modern thought.
2. The religious value of materialistic scepticism.
3. Old problems in new forms, and the Christian theory of life.
4. The claims of Christ on the things that matter.

Miss Esther Danks, who for many years has been associated with the work of the nursing division of the Hospital Saturday Fund centre of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has been appointed lady superintendent.

The Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held in the Institute, 29, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, on December 19th. Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson presided. The Report stated that there were 232 Branch Associations affiliated to the Centre, and that the Scottish Roll numbered 363 nurses at October 31st, 1912. In Edinburgh and Leith 5,679 cases had been nursed from the Scottish District Training Home, with a total of 140,453 visits paid, and 391 operations had been attended. With reference to the resignations of Miss Cowper, Miss Philp, and Miss Cameron, which had taken place during the year, the Chairman spoke in terms of high praise of their long and devoted service to the Institute in their several departments. Other speakers were Dr. Byrom Bramwell, Mr. J. Wheeler Dowden, and Dr. Harvey.

The fourth lecture of the session of the Irish Nurses' Association was given on Tuesday,

December 17th. Subject, "Poor Law from the Twentieth Century Standpoint." In the regretted absence of Mrs. Dickie, who was to have lectured, Mr. Dickie kindly gave the lecture instead, and gave a most interesting account of the growth of the Poor Law system from its commencement, on the suppression of the monasteries, until the present day. The chair was taken by Miss Carson-Rae, and at the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Miss Roberts and seconded by Miss Thomas.

A ballot has recently been taken of members of the Council of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, concerning an increase of fees for private nurses. An increase of half-a-crown, making five shillings weekly, in the laundry allowance has been the only change in the scale of fees for general nurses. Many nurses wished to increase the weekly fee by 10s. 6d. a week, and the votes for an increase in the laundry charges were 155 as against 145 for the half-guinea increase of fees, a majority of 10 only. The Journal of the Association considers that the future will show that the majority have decided for the best interests of their fellow-nurses.

Miss A. W. Wallace, late of the R.N.S., writes from Johannesburg, where she is now happily at work at the hospital in charge of the X-ray and electrical department. Her hours are only to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and 1 o'clock on Sundays, but, in spite of the lovely climate, nurses cannot work so hard as they do at home. Everyone needs to enjoy life. The nursing staff have collected £70 for the King Edward Memorial Fund to help to finance the Order of King Edward Nurses. It is wonderful how greatly the services of trained nurses are demanded throughout the Empire, and yet how long they have been denied rightful status and State protection. The registration systems in South Africa will never be thoroughly effective until the Nursing Profession are granted a full degree of self-government; at present they are governed by the Medical Council.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with many thanks the following donations:— Miss M. Newill, Lady Superintendent, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales, £1 1s.; Miss L. M. Park, Registered Nurses' Society, 2s. 6d.

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