

sible local committee can be formed who will undertake to pay the Institute the sum of £50 for the purchase of the furniture and all interest in the new District Nurses' Home, and who will hold the Institute clear of all liabilities incurred since December 31st last.

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I AM asked to mention that Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY will recount her experiences amongst the cholera patients in Hamburg, with practical hints as to the best method of guarding against the disease, in the form of a lecture on "Prevention and Treatment of Cholera," at the Parochial Hall, Oldridge Road, Balham Hill, on Monday evening, May 1st, at eight o'clock. The proceeds will be given to the South London Society for Nursing the Sick Poor in their Homes, and I hope that the lecture will be as well attended as it is certain to be interesting and useful.

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I AM told that by the kindness of Miss LUMSDEN, the Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, the members attending the Nursing class taught by Dr. SCOTT RIDDELL were enabled to hold their fourth meeting of the class in the Infirmary on Saturday afternoon. The privilege was much appreciated by the members of the class, most of whom were ladies; and they were shown by some of the Nurses in the Institution the proper and practical method of airing and arranging sick beds, and of making their patients generally comfortable. At the close, Miss LUMSDEN and the Nurses were cordially thanked for their instruction.

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I HEAR that the Nursing Department at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital has been re-organized, and a considerable addition made to the number of the staff. Miss C. L. TURNER, who has been Assistant Matron for two years, has resigned, and Miss B. A. SMITH has succeeded to her post. The Committee report that Miss R. HARMAN BROWN, who was lately Matron of the Tunbridge Wells Eye and Ear Hospital, and who possesses besides a varied experience as a Nurse, has been appointed Matron of the Convalescent Home in connection with the Hospital.

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THE *Bristol Times* has the following sympathetic remarks on the work of the District Nurses in that town:—"From the eleventh annual report of the District Nurses' Society the distressing information may be gathered that this thoroughly excellent local institution of benevolence finds a difficulty in keeping out of debt. The report was read at the meet-

ing of the Society on Tuesday, when earnest appeals were made for help. What is specially asked for is a substantial increase in the number of annual subscriptions to the general fund. The process of withdrawing Nurses, which is unfortunately going on, will have to continue unless this necessary assistance be forthcoming. Only last February the Nurse had to be withdrawn from the crowded and poverty-stricken district of St. Paul's, Bedminster. When it is considered that the society provides help for all who require it, irrespective of religious creed, the appeal for help ought not to be made in vain. Indeed it is inexplicable, except on the ground that the existence and work of the society are not fully known to the public, that it should be allowed to languish. But so it is; and this state of things ought not to be allowed to continue. The selfish consideration may be mentioned that the ministrations of the Nurse is instrumental in keeping down the rates, by providing for the poor, in their own homes, assistance which would otherwise be provided at the public expense. Many homes have been saved from breaking up by these means. It is to be hoped that the dismal story of lack of funds will not have to be repeated, to the discredit of Bristol, in the next annual report."

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As considerable discussion has already taken place upon the matter, and as much more may be expected before the question is finally settled, I may give here the exact words of the Resolution which was proposed by Dr. RITCHIE, seconded by Miss WADE, and agreed to at the recent meeting of medical men, in Edinburgh:—"That this meeting of medical men and nurses, resident in Scotland, desires to call the attention of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association to the fact that a large number of excellent Nurses now working in Scotland have received only one year's Hospital training, and are therefore not eligible for registration under the existing rules; this meeting therefore urges that steps should be taken for affording a period of grace and the recognition in future of Nurses of not less than one year's Hospital training and two years' subsequent connection with a training institution, or three years in all, as may be strongly recommended by the members of the medical profession and matrons under whom they have worked."

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I CANNOT believe that Edinburgh, which has always been in the van of general education, will, for long, be content to remain so far in the rear of Nursing progress. Three years' Hospital training is becoming almost the invariable rule in England, and

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