

which was presented to the annual meeting last week. Lady LONDONDERRY deserves much public gratitude for her exertions as President of this useful Society, but it is only right that the invaluable services of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. RIDLEY MAKEPEACE should be fully recognised.

"The Hon. Treasurer read the annual report, which showed that during the year 579 cases had been nursed, and 12,570 visits paid by the Nurses. The Institution at present consisted of the Lady Superintendent and four District Nurses. The Council desired to acknowledge the liberal support which the Association had received during the past year, especially from the working classes. The receipts for the year amounted to £646 18s. 2d. of which no less than £327 10s. 4d. was subscribed by workmen. It was estimated that the Institution had now 7000 working class subscribers. The Executive Council considered that a convalescent home was desirable, and therefore they had secured Sadberge Hall (furnished) for six months, and hope to accommodate from six to eight patients for from two to three weeks, according to the necessity of each case. The statement of the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Whitwell) was also submitted. It showed an income of £1,257 18s. 9d., including £592 16s. 1d. balance brought forward; £327 10s. 4d. from workmen's subscriptions; and £298 1s. 4d. from annual subscriptions. The expenditure on current account amounted to £506 13s. 4d., and on furnishing account to £220 3s. 7d.; £446 6s. 3d. was invested, and there was cash in the bank to the amount of £64 15s. 7d. The Mayor of Thornaby moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, and referred particularly to the establishment of a convalescent home. The Council of the Association intended to send a number of women and children to the home, and for this purpose tickets would be issued to subscribers for distribution. Every subscriber of £5 would be entitled to a ticket. It was expected that the Association would be able to constantly keep about seven persons in the home for the six months for which the home had been taken."

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I AM told that Lady LONDONDERRY has been taking a very active part in initiating a scheme of District Nursing in Belfast, and I hope she will have the same success there that has attended her philanthropic efforts in Durham.

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I AM told that Mrs. S. CHAMBERS, the Matron of the Borough Hospital at Wolverhampton, who is severing her connection with the Corporation of Wolverhampton, having obtained an appointment as Matron of the Guildford Infectious Hospital, was recently the recipient of an address, a handsome bronze and marble clock, and a purse of gold which had been subscribed for by members of the Corporation, Corporation officials, and the public. The address, which was engrossed in book form, and suitably illuminated by Mr. T. H. Richards, of the Borough Accountant's depart-

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ment, bore upwards of sixty signatures.—Alderman MAJOR, J.P. (Chairman of the Sanitary Committee), in making the presentation, said that, under the most trying circumstances, Mrs. CHAMBERS had administered to the wants of patients with the most unremitting care and kindness. She had shown great tact in dealing with the cases committed to her care, and had done much towards establishing the feeling which at present existed between the Sanitary Committee and the public. She had not only proved herself an efficient Matron, but her domestic management was all that could be desired. On behalf of the subscribers he wished her God-speed in her new undertaking.—Mr. HAWKINS, on behalf of some of the residents, of the Blakenhall, also asked Mrs. CHAMBERS' acceptance of a time-piece and a pair of vases as a token of their appreciation of her work there. Many of the poorer inhabitants of Blakenhall and friends of patients were to be found amongst the list of subscribers who were anxious to recognise in some tangible form the kindly efforts of Mrs. CHAMBERS.—Several other presentations were made, including a handsome Japanese table from the Nurses.—Dr. MALET, Medical Officer of Health, endorsed the remarks made by the Chairman.—Mr. E. J. Franks kindly undertook the collection of the subscriptions, and the carrying out of the necessary arrangements.

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SISTER ROSE GERTRUDE, the lady who, my readers will remember, went out to nurse the Hawaiian lepers after the death of Father DAMIEN, but was obliged to leave her charges on account of some difficulties with the native officials, and married Dr. LUTZ, is now living at São Paulo, Brazil. She evidently finds plenty of Nursing work to do in helping her husband, who, in addition to a large general practice is working as the sub-director of the Bacteriological Institute at São Paulo.

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THE Cape of Good Hope *Argus* has always shown a very keen appreciation of modern Nursing, and the leading article which it printed recently will be read with interest by Nurses in this country.

"There is no movement of the last few years which has brought about a more genuine advance in civilised comfort than the substitution of the professional for the professed Nurse or for over-burdened private ministrations. It was always known by sweet experience that woman was a ministering angel under the conditions described by the northern bard; but that refined, educated girls could be found in large numbers to undertake Nursing for all and sundry was never assumed by the most ardent advocate of the sex. Two great motives

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