

fast increasing, some difficulty is experienced in supplying every Welsh place that is asking for one. Any attempt to combine religious propagandism with the Nursing work is rigorously forbidden, so that people of all schools of thought are able to join together for the one beneficent purpose in view.

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LADY LONDONDERRY has of late evinced a keen interest in all matters appertaining to the nursing of the sick, especially in helping to provide trained Nurses in connection with the great mining districts upon her husband's estate. She lately presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Stockton and Thornaby Nursing Association, where she delivered an excellent address, and where Mr. W. RIDLEY MAKEPEACE, the energetic honorary Secretary, who has done so much in organising the Association, read the following satisfactory Report, in which we observe with satisfaction the acknowledgment to Lady LONDONDERRY of the work she has done on behalf of the Association, as its founder and untiring helper.

"The number of cases nursed during the year ending April 17th was 627, and 17,083 visits were paid during the same period as compared with 379 cases nursed and 12,570 visits paid in 1892-3, and 337 and 7,139 in 1891-2. The staff of nurses deserve the highest praise. Both doctors and patients bear testimony to the excellence of their work. The Executive have the pleasure to gratefully acknowledge that, notwithstanding the rapid development of the work and the higher aims of the association, with the corresponding increase of expenses, the income of the association has kept pace with the expenditure. The total income of each year has been as follows:—1891, £778 7s. 5d.; 1892, £665 8s. 8d.; 1893, £776 14s. 11d. During the first eight months of the existence of the association the donations amounted to £392 16s., whereas the donations in 1892 and 1893 only amount to a total of £71 12s. 3d. On the other hand, the subscriptions have increased each year, and one of the most gratifying features of every year's financial statement has been an increase in the workmen's subscriptions. The total amount realised by the workmen's contribution of one farthing per week amounts to £824 5s. 1d. of which sum £382 13s. 10d. was the subscription for 1893.

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The committee, therefore, gladly welcome the proposal made at the Council meeting held on the 2nd instant that two additional workmen's representatives should be elected on the Executive. The committee are conscious that no small portion of the remarkable measure of success to which the association has attained may be attributed to the active co-operation of the workmen's representatives on the committee. In recognition of the services of the association in nursing patients in receipt of out-door parochial relief in Thornaby, the Middlesbrough Board of Guardians have become annual subscribers of £7 10s. The committee desire to thank the Town Clerk of Thornaby (Mr. W. J. Watson) for having successfully advocated the claims of the association for this assistance, and venture to hope there may be members of the Stockton Board of Guardians willing to make a similar application in consideration of the fact that during the past year sixty-seven pauper patients have been nursed in the district of the Stockton Union. The association also save money for the Guardians in providing the necessary nursing requisites, drugs, &c., free of charge. This item of expenditure over

the year amounts to £25 11s. 7d. There is also an increasing expenditure in the cost of invalid food. There have been distributed through the Nurses 2,606 pints of milk, 187lbs. of beef, and 51lbs. of mutton, in addition to the dinners for convalescent patients, eggs, soup, wines, jellies, fruit, &c., generously given by the lady visitors and other kind friends, to whom the best thanks of the committee are tendered.

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The number of lady visitors to the Nurses' Home was increased in May last by the election of 12 ladies, and the committee propose to follow this precedent in the current year. The committee are greatly indebted to the lady visitors. A special District Nurse for "paying cases" has been working since September, 1892, and from that date to the 17th April, 1894, 62 paying cases have been entered on the books. The total income derived from these paying patients amounts to £43 18s. 6d., whereas the actual cost of maintaining the Nurse during the period named is estimated to be, say £92 3s., showing a deficit of £48 4s. 6d.

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One of the developments of our work during the past year has been to extend to rural districts the benefits to be derived from the visits of trained Nurses. It is due to our noble president, the Marchioness of Londonderry, that this proposal has been originated, her ladyship having offered to defray the cost of a Nurse, and provide board and lodging at Wynyard for such Nurse, who is now working in the villages of Wynyard, Wolviston, and Thorpe, under the control of the association. The committee are prepared to promote the formation of these local rural branches, provided the cost does not fall upon the funds of our association, but is borne by the district in which the Nurse is located.

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As a result of the Sadberge Hall Convalescent Home experiment during last summer, it is very probable that before another year is ended, a Permanent Convalescent Home will have been established for the benefit of the workmen and the poor of the Tees Side and Cleveland. The Provisional Committee of representatives from your Association, and from the Hartlepool's Hospital Governors, authorised to carry out this project, have made satisfactory progress towards acquiring Pemberton House, Middleton St. George, for the purpose, and arrangements will be made for the maintenance of 180 patients during this summer. As the Council have granted a sum of £100 towards the maintenance of the Home, a large share of the tickets will be available by the Executive of the nomination of patients recommended by subscribers, and the representatives of workmen subscribing to our Association.

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The best thanks of the Committee are also due and hereby gratefully tendered to the local press for the insertion of the monthly reports, and for the favourable notices of our work, and to the Stockton and Darlington Tramways Company for a renewal of the free passes to our Nurses, to the Stockton and Thornaby Needlework Guild for the garments allotted to the Association for the use of the patients; to the lady canvassers, and to the very many donors of gifts in kind, and to Mr. Thos. Bradley for his professional services as hon. auditor of the accounts of the Association. The committee acknowledge to the Marchioness of Londonderry, the founder of the Association, how much the committee feel themselves indebted for the great interest which Lady Londonderry has taken in the Association."

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OUR Melbourne correspondent writes:—

"We are having an unusually heavy fever season in Victoria, the worst we have had since the bad epidemic in 1890. It seemed to subside for three summers, and although this has been a very moderately warm season, with long

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