

families to whom the payment of such a fee was well nigh impossible. He thought that it had been found possible to arrange a system by which a Nurse could be supplied to them in times of sickness, and her proper fee be guaranteed. Those Nurses who had advocated the voluntary wearing of uniform had much to be said on their side. But it should be remembered that uniform is very desirable for several reasons. It is becoming, it is economic; and it ensures to the wearer a civility and consideration which perhaps without it she would not obtain. But there were cases when it is undoubtedly desirable to discard it. But this should be done with discretion at the desire of employers.

The Meeting then concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Lecturer and Chairman.

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MEETINGS and discussions have been the order of the day in the Nursing world. On Thursday, Miss MOLLETT's spirited Paper was read before the Matrons' Council; and on Friday, Mrs. GRAY discoursed on Private Nursing before the Royal British Nurses' Association. At both Meetings a lively discussion ensued, which is the most hopeful sign of the interest taken by those present in the opinions expressed by the Lecturers.

COLONEL GILDEA, Chairman and Treasurer of the 'Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, of which the QUEEN is Patron, is doing a national work in bringing the needs of the wives, widows, and children of sailors and soldiers before the public, and we should advise all those interested in the subject to obtain a copy of his address lately delivered in the Merchants' Hall, Glasgow, and to do all in their power to support his excellent scheme.

We are glad to observe that a Nursing Branch was established towards the close of 1892, which has now five Nurses (all Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses), at work, viz., one at the Curragh, one in Dublin, one in Dover, and two at Aldershot.

Colonel GILDEA remarks:—"I do not wish to anticipate the Report which I shall have very shortly to make as to the result of their work

during the present year; but I am confident that in no two cities in the kingdom, will you be able better to appreciate what the benefits of "District Nurses" must be to the wives and families of soldiers and sailors than here in Glasgow and in Edinburgh, where to my knowledge the Nursing of the sick poor in their own homes has attained its highest degree of efficiency; and if there are any present at this meeting, who would prefer to support this particular branch of our work, or supplement what they may give to the General Fund, I will only further add that the want of funds alone prevents the establishment of similar Nurses in large garrison and seaport towns where they are being earnestly asked for."

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THE readers of "Esther Waters" had their attention called, in a somewhat brutal manner, to the nursing of patients in Queen Charlotte's Lying-In Hospital. But it is not generally known that during the past two years sweeping and successful reforms have taken place in the management of the Institution. This reform, so quietly and successfully effected, is largely due to the energy and public spirit of the medical staff, and there is little doubt that increased confidence upon the part of the public will be the inevitable result—which we sincerely hope may be expressed by largely increased financial support.

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An urgent appeal for funds is being issued by the Committee of Management, signed by Lord PORTMAN, to which we desire to draw attention. From this appeal it appears that year by year the number of patients has been growing larger. While 1,962 were treated in 1890, the number in 1893 was 2,215; and this increase has caused a deficit in the accounts to such an extent that, to meet the most pressing debts, the Committee have been reluctantly compelled to sell a portion of the very limited funded property belonging to the Hospital. It is to replace this, to provide against any such contingency in the future, and to continue the beneficent work in unimpaired efficiency, that the special appeal for contributions is now being made.

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The appeal should not be in vain, for the work of the Institution is one that has special claims on the charitable. It has now been established 142 years, and takes its name from Queen Charlotte, who became one of its patronesses when the Duke of Sussex was its President. The Royal family have always taken very great interest in the charity, by subscribing liberally to its funds and in other ways. The Queen is one of the present patrons, and is also an annual subscriber. The Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York are

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