

generously from her own private funds, without the least hope of ever being remunerated, I further recommend that the matter be brought to the attention of Congress for such action as it may deem advisable."

The suggestion was endorsed by Secretary Alger, who recommended suitable action by Congress.

NURSING IN INDIA.

THE Up-Country Nursing Association for Europeans in India, to which we have before drawn attention in these columns, has now been for five years doing a useful work. The business is conducted by a working committee in London, who correspond with local centres in India, to whose care the nurses selected at home are committed. It is now proposed, owing to the increasing demand for the services of nurses in connection with this Association, to enlarge its work, and an appeal for support has appeared in the press signed by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, and the Treasurers and Hon. Secretary of the Association. Up to the present time twelve nurses have been sent out, the Association paying their outfit and other initial expenses, and also their passage to India, and their passage home at the end of a five years' engagement. Beyond this assistance to the Indian nursing centres, they are self-supporting. The Presidents of the various branches in India are Lady Macdonnell in the North West Provinces and Lady Mackworth-Young in the Punjab, and branches are in course of formation in other provinces. The work of the nurses has been so far successful that the Punjab is asking for two more, the North West Provinces for two, and the Lady Wenlock Institute in Madras for three. The funds at present at the disposal of the Association do not permit the Committee to meet this demand and they are, therefore, appealing to the public in this country—especially to retired members of the Indian Services, to those who have mercantile interests in India, to tourists who have enjoyed the hospitality of Indian houses, and to those who have friends and relations in India—for donations and annual subscriptions. And we do not doubt that many amongst these classes, who realise the importance of good nursing to those exposed to the risk of serious illness, in a foreign country, will feel the force of the appeal, and will do their best to bring this aid within reach of their countrymen and women in India. A report and other particulars

of the work of the Society can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Major-General J. Bonus, R.E., the Cedars, Strawberry Hill.

HUMANE TREATMENT FOR DRUNKARDS.

Lady Henry Somerset's humane effort to deal with women who have fallen victims to the drink crave by other than punitive measures, seems to be meeting with the success it deserves. Already her farm colony at Duxhurst is becoming a model for other homes of a like nature, and there is every hope that similar institutions will be inaugurated under Government, though it will we fear be somewhat difficult to infuse into a government supported institution the spirit of intense sympathy which is the main-spring of Lady Henry's Somerset's success, and which has caused her, in defiance of all the principles of political economy, to follow her God-given instinct of sorrow for the fallen, and to place these women who have failed grievously in the battle of life, in beautiful and healthful surroundings, as a means to their restoration. At Duxhurst the women are received into cottages, simply furnished, but clean, dainty, and pretty. They are employed as far as possible out of doors, for the common sense reason that it is proved by experience that nothing restores the shattered nervous systems of these poor creatures more quickly than a life in the open air, while their occupation of gardening is not only a healthful, but also a remunerative one for women.

This outdoor work is superintended by a highly qualified lady-gardener, Miss Jessie Smith, who was trained for her profession at Swanley. It has been in the highest degree a success, the very greatest interest being taken by the women in their work, while their health is restored in a marvellous way by the wholesome open-air life. Besides gardening, weaving is also carried on at Duxhurst, as well as fine needlework, by those who are unable to undertake outdoor work. As to results, 48 cases have been discharged since the last report was issued. Of these, 30 were successful, and nine failed after staying the full year; five were removed by friends before that period had elapsed; two were discharged by the medical officer as unfit for treatment; one was sent to an asylum, and one absconded. It will be seen, therefore, that the percentage of successful cases is a high one, and the work of the Home is worthy of all support.

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