

of the profession of nursing, and for support to extend its benefits. Mrs. Chamberlain attains her object by directing attention to the valuable work done by the Colonial Nursing Association since its formation in the year 1896.

THE Colonial Nursing Association was established for the express purpose of meeting the deficiency in the means of nursing cases of serious illness. Its main object is to provide private trained nurses for the Crown Colonies and British communities abroad, but it also has the advantage of being called upon by the Colonial Office to recommend nurses for the various Government hospitals.

THE work of the Association has greatly developed. It has sent out nurses to Ceylon, Cyprus, Dominica, Griqualand, Japan, Singapore, Bangkok, Mauritius, and other places. Altogether, since the first appointments were made in 1896, fifty-eight nurses have been sent out by the Colonial Nursing Association, of whom twenty have been private nurses and thirty-eight for hospital duty.

MRS. CHAMBERLAIN rightly characterises the task of caring for those charged with the responsibility of governing the colonies as an "obligation of empire," and it is to be hoped that her appeal for support may meet with a liberal response.

WE also hope that a Sub-Committee, largely composed of Matrons engaged in the active training of nurses, may, in the near future, be formed, empowered to select suitable candidates for work abroad. We fear, until this duty is in professional hands, that further instances will occur of the wrong type of woman being sent, with the resulting complaints.

THE Earl of Derby presided at the final meeting of the committee of the Countess of Lathom Memorial Fund. It was stated that the sum of about £2,000 by subscriptions paid and promised would be available for the memorial, and it was resolved that to meet the expressed wishes of the late Earl of Lathom, £500 should be set apart and invested for the purpose of providing a district nurse, who should reside in the parish of Lathom. The balance of the fund was to be employed for the object set out in the appeal issued for a permanent memorial to the late Countess of Lathom, namely, "to found a perpetual endowment for the maintenance of a district nurse who shall work primarily in the districts of Lathom and Skelmersdale, and who

shall be lodged and maintained in the nurses' home attached to the cottage hospital at Ormskirk, in which the late Countess of Lathom took so active an interest."

THE Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Liverpool intend to hold a reception to the nurses of the hospitals and charitable institutions of the city and neighbourhood, and the functions will take place on the 30th inst. and 1st prox. Being desirous that all trained nurses should receive invitations, applications made to the Town Hall by those who have not received invitations will be considered.

MUCH regret is felt at the resignation of Miss Agnes Birrell, who has worked for the last six years as one of the Surgical Sisters in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.

WE are glad to notice that Miss Mary Beatrice Manning, to whom we alluded last week, has been committed for trial on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences from nurses and Matrons of charitable institutions.

ACCORDING to the police charge-sheet at the South-Western Court, Mary Beatrice Manning has no occupation. According to the charges against her, she has several occupations.

SHE is the woman who was convicted some time ago of obtaining money by pretending to be a bishop's daughter. In three cases of fraud brought against her, she acted the parts of lawyer's wife, a Matron of a crippled children's home, and a barrister's wife anxious to get a little girl into a home.

TO one of her victims she explained that she had run short of money and was expecting some from a governess. To another she said she had left her purse at Nunhead Junction, and she told her third victim that she had brought the wrong purse with her.

SO plausible did these stories appear that she obtained £10 from one nurse, £2 from another, and £8 from the Lady Superintendent of a home for girls in Great Church Lane, Hammersmith.

WE regret that nurses permit themselves to be so easily imposed upon.

THE very name of Cawnpore arouses a thrill of horror in those of us who know the history of the Indian Mutiny, and the ferocious attacks on

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