

Treasurer of the Association, stated that, notwithstanding the enormous sums already subscribed for all objects in connection with the war, in response to the appeal made by Her Majesty on January 1st £300,000 was subscribed within a month.

By command of the Queen, Colonel Gildea interrupted the reading of the report to announce that a sum of £2,000 had recently been received in answer to Her Majesty's appeal from the Maharani of Petwar in the North-West Provinces, and later that Mr. Lucas Tooth—who was present, and who lately presented the King with a munificent gift of £10,000, which His Majesty has devoted to the King's Hospital Fund—had also presented the Queen with a similar amount, which she desired to devote to the extension of homes for officers' widows and daughters.

Proceeding with the reading of the report, Colonel Gildea said that the work of the nursing branch, in which fourteen nurses are now employed, continues its usefulness, and as the work of the nurses—in many garrisons now almost a necessity—becomes better known must of necessity increase. The work of Nurse Brown at Pietermaritzburg (Natal) has during the last three years been most valuable, not only in attending to the wives and families, but in helping with the outdoor patients of the Army Medical Department during the war. The cost of the nurses to the Council last year amounted to £900, with about an equal amount raised locally at the stations where they are established. Lord Grenfell, who moved the adoption of the report, said that he had presided for three years over the Malta branch of the Association, and was therefore aware of the good the Association did; even the War Office had given the Malta branch £100 a year, and he hoped the Admiralty would follow suit. The feeling of the soldier and sailor going on service was mitigated by the knowledge that voluntary workers on the spot were devoting themselves to the task of looking after those left behind. The loans made were often repaid, but the gratitude remained. The four nurses maintained by the Association in Malta were doing useful work, the more so that there was no military hospital there.

The following Nursing Sisters are now on their way home from South Africa:—

In the *Simla*: Sisters S. A. Boneham, G. E. S. Saunder, K. A. G. Chew, M. G. Gilmore, D. A. Gray. Due at Southampton August 20th.

In the *Dilwara*: Sisters J. C. S. Spence, E. N. Newton, L. Parsons, E. M. Pothick. Due at Southampton August 21st.

In the *Orissa*: Sisters A. D. Cameron, A. A. Hill, N. R. Macintosh, A. W. C. Higgs. Due at Southampton August 21st.

In the *Gascou*: Sisters G. McFarlane, M. G.

Denton, A. Matherson; S. J. Coldwell, E. Grey, E. R. Tait. Due at Southampton August 24th.

In the *Nubia*: Sisters H. M. Shaw, A. B. Denton, S. M. Paterson, and A. Finnemore. Due at Southampton, August 28th.

In the *Moravian*: Sisters F. E. Beedic and E. F. Ridgley. Due at Southampton August 26th.

The paper on the "Scarcity of Nurses in Country Workhouses," read by Miss Gibson, Matron of the Birmingham Infirmary, at the Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, on March 10th of this year, has now been published by the Workhouse Nursing Association, 6, Adam Street, Strand. Those who are interested in the question of workhouse nursing should read both the paper and the subsequent discussion. Some valuable additional remarks by Dr. Sheen, of Cardiff, are also included in the pamphlet.

A nurse who was hurriedly fetched recently from an institution in the City Road to attend a maternity case in Bartholomew Close did public service by informing the police of the circumstances of the case. The infant was born before her arrival, and, in her opinion, death was due to inattention. One of the police constables called in by the nurse said the room was in a filthy condition. The medical evidence showed that death was due to inattention at birth, and, in returning a verdict to that effect, the jury called attention to the carelessness of the sanitary authorities for allowing the house to be in the condition described.

The Royal Infirmary, Halifax, Yorkshire, on Friday in last week was the scene of a pleasing little ceremony enacted in commemoration of the Coronation of their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. Each member of the nursing staff was presented with a beautifully-bound copy of King Edward VII.'s Coronation Prayer Book by the President of the Institution, Edward Huntriss, Esq. The ward, house, and laundry maids were provided with Coronation brooches of a pretty design in blue enamel and silver, and about £10 in new half-crowns distributed amongst the patients. On Saturday, tobacco for the male and cakes for the female patients were provided by the house surgeons.

The death of a female inmate at the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, through frightful injuries received from a leap from one of the windows of the "acute wing," was the subject of investigation by Mr. P. P. Maitland, coroner, at the asylum recently. The evidence given by the night nurse showed that early on the previous Saturday morning she unlocked the passage door of the day room in order that the women might get their clothes. When the

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