

Weir writes from St. Luke's Hospital, Chemulpo, Korea; Miss Ida Campbell takes us from London to Soulina, in Roumania; and Miss E. Chadborn touches on Nursing in South Africa, 1904. The whole world is rapidly becoming the trained nurse's sphere of work and duty. A goodly number of births and marriages are reported, amongst the latter that of Miss Glanville, late Matron of Lewisham Infirmary, who is now Mrs. Walker.

We are informed that there have been frequent resignations of late among the members of the nursing staff of the Queen's Jubilee Hospital, Earl's Court, and that these have culminated in the resignation of the Matron, who has only recently been appointed. The medical staff have also resigned, with two exceptions, owing to differences of opinion between the staff and members of the House Committee.

It is a relief to read of a happy Superintendent Nurse, as from many reports which reach us a Superintendent Nurse does not usually recline upon a bed of roses. A pleasing little ceremony took place at a recent meeting of the Chester Board of Guardians, when the Chairman presented from his colleagues and the official staff, most of whom were present, a beautiful silver tea service to Miss Moreton upon her marriage, and after seven years' good and harmonious work for the institution as Superintendent Nurse. Several speeches were made alluding to the success of Miss Moreton's work, and in an appropriate reply, expressing her thanks, she said she came with big ideas, and would like to have seen them put into practical form. One was a nurses' home, and she thought that would bring the nurses together, and make their home life what it ought to be away from home. This matter had been before the board some years ago, but for some reason fell through. She further regretted having to leave the hospital in the same condition as she found it. She would have liked to have seen improvements in the baths and lavatories, and was sure that it was only want of money that prevented these being done. Let us hope Miss Moreton's successor may live to see the day when these improvements will be instituted.

Some interesting statements were made recently by those present at a conference at Ipswich, with a view to increasing the usefulness of the Ipswich Nurses' Home, from which we gather that cottage helps—women who will combine a little nursing with a good deal of house cleaning and house-keeping—are greatly in demand.

In an interesting address given by Miss Newton, the Matron, she mentioned that the cottage helps provided had three months' training at the hospital. They were not nurses, though they wore a uniform. These unskilled workers cost the Home 10s. 11d.

each per week, so 11s. had to be charged to clear a penny.

Mrs. Ranson asked if it would be possible to make that Home a centre for country districts, as well as for Ipswich, and said she would also like to know if there were nurses who would go into a house, and in addition to nursing the mother, would do the work of the house. At present that sort of work was undertaken by women who were not too well qualified for it. She thought if people living in the country could, by subscribing to that Home, obtain the services of district nurses who would go into the houses of the poor, and act as house-keepers as well as nurses, it would supply a great need.

Discussion then took place about private nursing, which was undertaken by nurses attached to the Home, and Major Meller said that he did not think that the earnings of the private nurses should be taken to pay for the nursing of the poor of Ipswich. He would like to see the profit from that department set aside for the nurses themselves, so as to secure them a pension when they were no longer able to work. They were paid £40 a year by the Home, and patients were charged 31s. 6d.

Trained nurses will agree with Major Meller that it is a radically wrong principle to exploit the labour of any class of working women in the name of Charity. Why should trained nurses be called upon to pay for the nursing of the sick poor in Ipswich? If such care cannot be provided on a provident basis, then those who organise such nursing schemes should pay for them.

"Pound Day" seems to have caught on at Brighton, as it has proved a huge success both in support of the Children's Hospital and the Sussex County Hospital. In money alone £397 was given, and the total number of articles handed in ran into thousands.

The trustees of the late Mr. Holden, of Rochdale, who left an immense estate almost solely to charities, have decided to endow the nurses' home with a sum of £5,000. The home was erected as a memorial of Queen Victoria.

A great amount of friction has arisen between the lay nurses and the nuns who are in charge of the nursing at the Clonmel Union Hospital. Head Nurse Smyth has now brought the matter before the Guardians, and an inquiry into the matter is being held by the Visiting Committee.

Miss Alice S. Gregory has an interesting article in the *Guardian* on "A District Midwife's Place in the Community," in which she strongly advocates that district midwives must be recruited from an educated class, but adds:—

"When we suggest this vocation to women in

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