

done all over the country, and the funny part of it is that the nurses' splendid generosity (albeit, it may be compulsory) is in no way acknowledged in annual reports, which are usually most profuse in the gratitude they express to subscribers of social position.

Worshipful persons who usually preside at the annual meetings of these combined district and private nursing institutions invariably allude to "the paramount duty of Christian people in caring for the poor and needy." It is certainly not a Christian action to use the earnings of a few hard working women to pay for the charity to which each citizen should contribute as he is able.

The Vicar of Sonning, near Reading, Canon Holmes, has many friends amongst nurses who will learn with pleasure of his appointment by the Queen to be a member of the Royal Chapter of St. Katharine, Regent's Park. He has in consequence, to the great regret of his parishioners, as well as of the country side, resigned the living of Sonning. The loss of Sonning will, however, be the gain of London. The appointment to the Chapter of the Royal Chapel of St. Katharine is the only ecclesiastical preferment vested in the Queens of England.

In these days in cases of serious illness the private nursing home is a necessity. The ordinary dwelling-house and the small flat often cannot meet the requirements of modern surgery and medicine, and the inclusive charges in a good home are found to be less costly than the necessary expenses incurred in a private house.

To many people, however, especially those who live in the country, the idea of a London home is distasteful. The unaccustomed noises keep them awake, the change to town air is, of necessity, trying.

A charming home where private patients are received is the Victoria Nursing Institute and Home Hospital at Bournemouth, under the direction of Miss Christina Forrest, at one time Matron of the County Hospital, York. The small as well as the large rooms are most inviting resting places for invalids, the surrounding grounds ensure quiet, and throughout the building is the restful atmosphere which has its root in trained supervision combined with good nursing, an atmosphere charged also with the genuine kindness which to the sick means so much, and without which no amount of skill is reposeful. And all around and flooding the home at every open window is the

pure health-giving air which has won for Bournemouth its renown.

It is told of one medical man that the reason he gives for constantly sending patients to Bournemouth, is that Bournemouth air is the only air in the kingdom in which there is healing. Be that as it may, Miss Forrest in part attributes the excellent results attained in the Home in surgical work, to the help afforded the patients by the pure air which they breathe.

Great regret is felt in Warrington that the District Nursing Association there is to lose three of its staff. Miss Whitfield, the Matron, and Nurse Jacocks, who have worked at Warrington since the Association was founded, nine years ago, and Nurse Leshaw, who has been there only one year less. They have greatly endeared themselves to the people amongst whom they work, and will be much missed.

The concert which the Earl of Shaftesbury is organising in aid of Lady Dudley's Fund for District Nurses will be held in the Royal University Buildings, Dublin, by kind permission of the Senate, on the Tuesday in Horse Show week, August 28. Lady Maud Warrender has promised to help. The Earl of Shaftesbury will also take part in the programme, and many well-known artistes have generously promised their services.

In connection with the South Australian Branch of the Australasian Massage Association it has been definitely decided to take the senior public examination as the standard of general education for the intending massage students in order that they may enter the University on the same educational footing as the other graduates. "This," says Miss Florence Bevilaqua, "might seem rather severe to some who, perhaps, would like to start their massage course at once, and have not passed their examination. However, 'where there's a will there's a way,' and we would point out to them the decided advantage gained by the little extra study that this entails, as it smoothes the way for more advanced work at the University."

The Council of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association had under consideration at its last meeting a letter from the Hon Secretary, Medical Society of Victoria, requesting that three delegates should be appointed to co-operate with the British Medical Association and the Melbourne Medical Association in discussing the question of education, supervision, and registration of midwives, and in

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