

the conduct of the business of which they strongly condemn.

At the annual meeting of the West of England Eye Infirmary, Exeter, on Friday last, Dr. Gordon said that the committee had carefully considered a proposal to commemorate the exceptional services of the late Matron. By her ability and great devotion to the institution Miss Kinninmont had greatly interested the public in it, and had directly and indirectly increased its funds. She was largely the means of its being placed in its present admirable position, and also of getting the new wing. In losing her they had lost one whom it was quite hopeless to expect to replace in all respects. How she managed to do the work, as not merely the Matron, but as house surgeon and house governor, was a miracle to those who watched her. The committee had considered two things. First, how best to commemorate her name and the devotion she showed, and, secondly, how she would most have wished her name to be commemorated. It was finally decided to propose that the children's ward should be called the Miss Kinninmont Ward, and that a tablet commemorating her services should be placed at the end of the entrance hall. He moved that that be done. This was seconded by Canon Hobson, and unanimously agreed to.

The Nurses' Social Union in Somersetshire shows considerable vigour in arranging lectures and other functions for its members; so keeping them in touch with professional, as well as outside interests. Thus, Dr. Sanguinetti has lectured to the members who were the guests of Mrs. Sanguinetti, on the "Uses of Alcohol in Medicine," a subject which aroused much interest. "Sick Feeding," "Nursing Expedients," and "Nursing in the Tropics," have also proved interesting subjects: and exhibits of nursing requisites form a prominent and attractive feature at these gatherings.

So much are these meetings appreciated that nurses are ready to walk ten, and to bicycle twenty, miles in order to attend them, so that there can be little doubt that they are appreciated.

Another advantage offered by the Union is that it has started a lending library of nursing books and papers on such moderate terms as to be within the reach of all. Its promoters hope that eventually the Nurses' Social Union may be found in every county throughout Great Britain.

The quarterly report of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses (Scottish Branch) states that there are at present 285 Queen's Nurses in Scotland, working under 180 affiliated associations. The Council are directly responsible for 9 Queen's Nurses and 35 probationers, of whom 16 are training in various hospitals and 19 in the Scottish District Training Home. During the three months 11 nurses entered the Home for training in district nursing, and two probationers on trial for hospital. Ten nurses completed training, and were engaged by local committees at Aberlour, Tiree, Blantyre, Doune, Foyers, Maud and Glendaruel. Three new branches were formed locally and affiliated to the Institute—at Foyers, Doune, and Mid-Calder. During the three months 1,524 cases were nursed in Edinburgh from 29, Castle Terrace, and 26,331 visits were paid; 372 cases remained on the books. No legacies were intimated.

Established seventeen years ago on quite a small scale, the Dundee Sick Poor Nursing Society has been doing excellent work in the community, and during the year just closed the nurses attended fifty-four more patients and made 1,632 more visits than they did the previous year. This illustrates the rapidity with which the beneficent operations of the Society are increasing.

At the recent annual meeting in seconding a resolution, Dr. Kinnear said he spoke for the whole of the medical profession, as well as for himself, when he said that the work of the nurses, as a help and supplement to that of the doctors, had always been of inestimable value. Skilful and efficient they were, but that was only a small part of the good the nurses did, for he had always found that, in addition to their skill and efficiency, they brought to bear upon the patients an infinite patience and a ready and kindly sympathy which made one feel that they did not consider the people they were treating as mere cases, but as suffering human units. In moving a vote of thanks to the Superintendent—Miss Mackay—and to the Secretary and the Treasurer, the Chairman, ex-Provost Hunter, said it was perfectly evident that additional nurses must be secured in the near future.

In his report respecting a fire, to the Edinburgh Town Council, Firemaster Portage specially mentioned the conduct of Nurse Scambler, of the Alva Street Nursing Institution, who had charge of a patient dangerously ill with pneumonia on the top floor of the hotel in 1 Waterloo place. Although the hotel was

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