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It is often difficult to know where to place chronic invalids requiring a home, and we have pleasure, therefore, in drawing attention to the "Home for Chronic Invalids," 86, Goldhurst Terrace, South Hampstead, N.W., where Miss Dallas and Sister Dallas are prepared to receive such patients at a charge of from two to three guineas a week. Sister Dallas is a thoroughly experienced nurse, holding the certificate of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the patients in her charge are sure to receive skilled nursing care, and every kindness. Special nursing is given to delicate children.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Shoreditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association was held at St. Leonard's Parish Room on Monday last. The Mayor of Shoreditch presided, and there was an influential attendance. The Superintendent of this Association is Miss Böge, whose steriliser, on view at the Nursing Exhibition, London, in November, and other clever contrivances for the sick, have attracted much attention. The Association is also fortunate in having as its Hon. Secretary, Miss P. W. Peter, late General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.

The Committee, who presented an interesting report, state that they, with others, share the special anxiety which falls upon all who in these days are responsible for the administration of any kind of public charity. The times are critical of charity as of other things. Philanthropy in its different forms is on its trial as never before, and charity is no longer regarded as the panacea for all the woes of humanity. It is recognised that it may only aggravate the evils which it seeks to remedy. The modern demand is for a charity which is wise in judgment as well as kindly in feeling. They venture to think that the ministry of help for which the Association appeals will satisfy the most stringent of such requirements. They minister to the helpless in the very crisis of their helplessness, and leave them as soon as they are able to help themselves.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Councillor H. J. Sayer) presided last week at the Annual Meeting of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Institution for Trained Nurses, when a very satisfactory report was presented. The nurses on the staff now number 71, an increase of eight on last year. A balance of

£6,287 was brought forward at the beginning of the year, and the earnings of the nurses amounted to £4,201. The New Year began with a balance in hand of £7,053.

At the Annual Meeting of the Leeds District Nursing Association, the Vicar of Leeds, Dr. Bickersteth, who presided, said, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, that he felt it a privilege to do so; because of the factors in the city which were morally so beautiful there were very few which excelled that which they were met together that afternoon to support—the District Nursing Association. The whole work seemed to be of a very high order indeed. There was a quiet, self-sacrificing heroism which was not always fully appreciated. He did not wish to underrate the work done on a great occasion, but he did want to ask them to remember that they themselves were living quietly side by side with those who, without public applause, were yet carrying out an enterprise which was hardly second in the amount of self-sacrificing work entailed. They wanted to remember that those who gave themselves to this work were doing it in the spirit of social service and self-sacrifice, and that their work was beyond all value. When the South African War broke out, many nurses volunteered. Two years ago there was an outbreak of small-pox in London. Forty nurses from one hospital volunteered to help on the isolation ship in the Thames. Really that was a far finer response than that made by the nurses who went to the war.

At a meeting of the Devonshire Nursing Association, held at Exeter Castle, the Chairman, the Earl of Fortescue, pointed out that it would be necessary, under the Workmen's Compensation Act, to insure the nurses, involving a considerable sum. The Bishop of Birmingham has also pointed out to the clergy in his diocese the necessity of insuring against liability incurred towards parochial nurses.

The Governors of the Bedford County Hospital have by 30 votes to 21 rejected at their Annual and Quarterly Meeting the very modest proposal that two of the seats on the Board of Management, consisting of 18 persons, should be allotted to women. No reasons were advanced against a reform, so obviously for the benefit of the institution, as well as just to the many women who contribute to the funds, but though many influential Governors wrote in support of the motion, which was brought forward by Mr. E. Ransom, and ably seconded by Mrs. Alfred Paine, the objections of the present Board carried the day, and consideration of the question was postponed.

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