

has signified her intention of being present. Tickets may be obtained from the Superintendent, Colonel Wickham, 17, Kenilworth Road, Ealing.

At the Annual Meeting of the Middlesbrough Nursing Association, when the Mayor, Councillor W. G. Roberts, presided, the Annual Report showed that a great amount of valuable work for the sick poor has been accomplished by Miss Purvis, the devoted superintendent, and the five nurses on the staff. Through the Samaritan Fund 720 gallons of soup, 945 dinners, milk, fresh eggs, jelly, coal, clothing, and other necessaries have been distributed to necessitous cases.

There seems to be considerable reticence concerning the epidemic of plague, which still prevails in India. That it still rages is evident, for no less than seventy-five thousand deaths have occurred in one week lately, seventy thousand being in Bengal, the United Provinces, and the Punjab. The outbreak began in the Punjab in October, 1896, and since that time there have been nearly a million and a half deaths.

The regulations for the State examination in nursing under the law recently passed in Germany will be made this spring, says the *American Journal of Nursing*. Each German State will make its own rules, as the American States do; the law, however, is imperial. The religious nursing orders, such as Sisters of Mercy and Deaconess, are, it seems, not compelled to conform, and do not wish to be covered by the new law. The nursing associations that will actually be affected by it, or which it recognises, are the Red Cross societies, with their nurse-training work; the *Diakonieverein*, and the German Nurses' Association. One of the members of the ministry has said that the passage of the Act was the result of the agitation for reforms carried on by the German Nurses' Association. The latter organisation not only has the disapproval of the Deaconess upholders, but also the hostility of the Red Cross training-schools, from jealous motives. The German Nurses' Association, under Sister Karll's leadership, is stimulating thorough education and training all over Germany, and as nurses learn the principles of economic equality they will no longer be content to slave for nothing for the Red Cross. Sister Karll is taking an active share in the development of a number of new training-schools. Her position is a responsible one, and the "Bureau" of the sisters in Berlin is a very busy place.

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Nothing is sadder in many Eastern cities than to see the numbers of destitute and sick and maimed persons, who haunt the roadsides of the more frequented thoroughfares in order to eke out a miserable subsistence from the alms which they receive from the passers-by. The Government of Bombay have recently drawn up a set of rules concerning the admission of urgent cases, including mendicants, to hospitals, the chief interest of the papers issued in this connection being the suggestion incorporated in them for the establishment of an infirmary, in a central position of the city—somewhat on the lines of a workhouse infirmary—for mendicants, roadside, privation, and chronic cases, so as to relieve the congestion of the hospitals by cases of this nature. Surgeon-General Greany, who makes the suggestion, also proposes that provision should be made at the Docks for the reception of pilgrims arriving by sea who are simply in want of food, and have no diseases. A great number of such cases are at present sent by the Port Authority to the nearest hospital. These suggestions, and that for the establishment of a leper colony for the numerous beggars who at present wander about the streets in all stages of the disease, and are not only a revolting spectacle, but a danger to the public, have the warm support of the Acting Commissioner of Police.

The new Nurses' Quarters at the Cama Hospital, Bombay, were recently opened by the Governor, Lord Lamington, who was received on his arrival by the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, Dr. Benson, the Lady Physician in Charge, and Miss Hilson, Superintendent of the Nurse Training School.

The absence of her Excellency, Lady Lamington, who, Mr. Justice Chandavarkar said, was missed very sorely on all occasions of this kind, was greatly regretted. As President of the Bombay branch of the Countess of Dufferin Fund, it would have been her privilege, had she been present, to make the preliminary speech, and to request his Excellency to open the new building. The speaker then gave an interesting account of the foundation of the hospital, at a meeting under the presidency of Lord Reay, in connection with the Countess of Dufferin Fund. The Training School was started under the superintendence of Miss Edith Atkinson, who for many years held this position. It has turned out 198 nurses, and at present has 21 pupils. So far has the re-

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