

We wish all prosperity to the work in its new home, of which, under the direction of the Hon. Superintendent, Miss Andrews, and the kindly rule of the Home Sister, Sister Gloucester, there appears to be every prospect.

A correspondent writes:—"On the 6th inst. invitations were widely issued to nurses and their friends to attend a grand evening concert at The Nurses' Hostel, Francis Street. A large number assembled looking very nice in evening dress, prepared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. One of the members had generously provided refreshments, and four "professional" friends of hers were giving the entertainment. The early part of the evening was much enjoyed over coffee, cakes, etc., pleasant chat, and a little music, and all lovers of good music were keenly looking forward to the arrival of the artistes, but with them arrived the Managing Director, Miss C. J. Wood, who informed the party it was 10 o'clock, and they must leave. Dismay was written on every face, but all knew, in that establishment, that the law there was still that of the Medes and Persians, so they turned regretfully away, feeling keenly the lack of courtesy shown not only to them but more especially to those who had so kindly and generously arranged this musical evening. No wonder there are no dividends!"

The Mayor of Islington, Alderman George S. Elliott, presided at the annual meeting of the North London Nursing Association, the work of which lies in a very large and poor district, and has grown until the Association has now a Superintendent and ten Nurses, all thoroughly trained. That the services of the nurses are eagerly welcomed by the sick poor is evident from the letters and expressions of heartfelt gratitude which their superintendent and nurses so frequently receive, and from the large number of cases sent to them by medical men, with whom they are in hearty co-operation.

The many friends of Miss M. E. Rowell will be interested to learn that she has opened a private nursing home at 49, Beaumont Street, W., where she is now ready to receive patients, the rooms for their use being both pleasant and unusually quiet. The house has been entirely redecorated, and everything is clean and fresh as a new pin, while the well-stocked cupboards show that everything necessary for the use of surgeons and physicians, and the comfort of the patients, has been thought out and provided. Miss Rowell, who was trained at Guy's

Hospital, has had much experience to qualify her for the responsible work she has undertaken, including experience in private nursing, on the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society. She possesses the South African War medal, and is a certified midwife.

Dr. Annie McCall was the principal speaker at a meeting for nurses, held at Elmside, Wandsworth Common, in connection with the Women's Total Abstinence Union, on March 4th. She urged that alcoholic drinks were unnecessary in times of exhaustion and fatigue—more, that they were injurious to health and directly responsible for many diseases; that the effect of their use upon the health of the nation was simply incalculable. Miss Bushell presided, and spoke words of admiration for the work of the Nurses' League. Votes of thanks to hostess and speaker concluded a very pleasant gathering.

At King Edward VII. Sanatorium, at Midhurst, great attention is paid to the diets. The standard diet represents a moderate increase on that taken by the average individual in normal health. This is modified for patients confined to bed. Care is taken to prevent patients putting on too much weight, and, in patients well up to weight, diets are often somewhat reduced. Each patient's plate is marked with the number of his room, and after a meal no plates are washed until they have been inspected by the diet Sister, and a record made of everything left.

At the Annual Meeting of Governors of the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, the best thanks of the Committee were expressed to the Matron, Miss Mollett, and the whole of the resident staff for their zeal and energy during the past year.

The question of incorporation was considered at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Providing Nurses for the Sick Poor at Belfast, an advisory committee having recommended that it would be advantageous to the Society to have it incorporated under the provisions of the Companies' Acts. The Meeting decided to accept the recommendation, and agreed that a scheme of incorporation should be prepared and submitted to an adjourned Annual Meeting.

The report of the medical staff of the Ulster Hospital for Children and Women, Belfast, submitted to the Annual Meeting by Dr. Fielden, recorded that "with the utmost pleasure the staff again express their indebted-

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