

### Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

Her Excellency the Countess of Minto presided at a meeting of the Central Committee of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association at Viceregal Lodge, Calcutta, on July 1st, where the Chief Lady Superintendent's quarterly report was received.

Progress in many directions has been the principal characteristic of the Association during the past three months, and a note of glad appreciation has been heard from numerous sources, which is eminently encouraging.

The Provident Fund with its Rules and Regulations sanctioned by the members of the Central Committee since the last meeting, came into force at the close of March, and the Lady Superintendents and Nursing Staff have availed themselves of the generous terms offered them.

During the past three months six new Sisters have been added to the Staff, three of whom were needed to fill vacancies caused by resignation of appointments, and the remaining three were required to meet the increasing demand for the service of the Nursing Sisters created by the formation of new Centres. The Nursing Staff, therefore, at the moment, consists of three Lady Superintendents and 42 Nursing Sisters. A year ago the number of the Staff was only 24, and the Association had not then a single trained Lady Superintendent in charge of any of the different Homes.

Steamer concessions have been obtained through the generosity of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie, since the establishment of a branch in Burma, a special rebate having been granted to the Sisters of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, when travelling on duty between Calcutta and Rangoon.

The proposal to supply two Nursing Sisters for Kashmir has fallen through, partly through want of local funds. From most of the Branches the reports are excellent, although in some instances it may be necessary to temporarily reduce the number of nurses owing to lack of subscriptions.

The health of the Nursing Sisters in the Eastern Bengal and Assam Branch has not been so satisfactory as could be wished, two of them having been laid up with fever, and a third having been much affected by the heat, but a judicious interchange of the Sisters from the other Centres to the hill station at Shillong has brought about the hoped for results.

The Honorary Secretary of the Central Provinces Branch has sent in a special report concerning the excellent work done by Nursing

Sister Monk since her arrival at Nagpur in June of 1907; she is considered a very able nurse, and has won quite a reputation.

Steps are now being taken towards the formation of a branch of the Association in Bengal, and it is to be hoped that it will prove one of its most successful and flourishing Centres in the near future.

With the establishment of a branch in Bengal, no less than nine Centres will have taken root within the short space of a couple of years.

We think all who have taken part in the organisation of this much needed Indian Nursing Association are to be congratulated very sincerely upon its success.

### The Science and Art of Nursing.

We have now received for review the second volume of "The Science and Art of Nursing," published by Cassell and Co. From a casual glance through its interesting pages, it appears admirable in style and matter. We are glad to note that in this volume each section has been dealt with by a professional expert. We hope to devote space to this work at an early date.

### Welcome Help.

We acknowledge with thanks the following welcome donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Bridges ... ..	1	1	0
Mrs. Craig ... ..	10	0	
Miss A. Carson Rae ... ..	5	0	

### Nursing Service of the Territorial Force.

1. The Nursing Service of the Territorial Force is formed for the purpose of maintaining a staff of nurses willing to serve in general hospitals in the event of the embodiment of the Territorial Force.

2. Rolls will be kept of Matrons, Sisters, and nurses who are willing to serve in the hospitals to which they are allocated.

#### Establishment.

3. Nursing staffs will be required for 23 general hospitals, which will be formed at the following places:—

Aberdeen ... ..	1
Glasgow ... ..	2
Edinburgh ... ..	1
Newcastle-on-Tyne ... ..	1
Leeds ... ..	1
Sheffield ... ..	1
Manchester ... ..	1

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