

of East London, as the members of the thrift branch have, since October, 1907, paid this £936 towards the help in the home which has been claimed in 1,680 cases. But apart from these 1,680 cases attended by the Sick Room Helps, the maternity nurses have tended 578 mothers in confinement, and the two sick nurses residing at 61, Philpot Street have given their skilled attention to 472 sick men, women, and children amongst the Jewish poor in Stepney and Whitechapel. The chief expense is for salaries for the nurses and helps. These latter are unskilled women working under supervision, and thus the sum spent on salaries is doubly charitable; maintaining a number of women whilst ministering to a still greater number. Seventy-five women were thus employed during the greater part of this year, and £2,344 has been paid in salaries to these helps and the nursing staff during this period. If within the next three months the Society does not see any improvement in its financial position, the work must be considerably curtailed, and the Nurses' Home must be closed, which would be a calamity from all points of view.

Next week we hope to give a full account of the very interesting ceremony which took place at Leicester on Wednesday last, at which Miss Rogers, Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Infirmary, laid the memorial stone of the new Nurses' Home, and at which the Nurses' League gathered in force.

A special meeting of the Dewsbury Infirmary Board was recently held to receive the resignation of Miss E. H. Grime, who has been appointed Matron of the Children's Hospital, Birmingham. The resignation was accepted with regret, the President saying that personally he was sorry Miss Grime was leaving, as she had been an excellent Matron. Some discussion took place in regard to Miss Grime's successor. Alderman Oldroyd moved that they should advertise for a successor, but, before this was seconded, Mr. Yates proposed that the position should be given to Sister Tinniswood, who had excellent qualifications for the post, if she was willing to accept it, and this was seconded by Mr. W. H. Lee. The President said he did not know if he should accept the resolution. It was an important matter to have sprung upon them, and he thought they should call a special meeting of the Board and put on the agenda for consideration the appointment of Sister Tinniswood as Matron. After Dr. Appleyard, on behalf of the Hon.

Medical Staff, and Mr. E. Fitton, a member of the House Committee, had spoken warmly of Sister Tinniswood's qualifications for the post, it was decided to call a special meeting to consider the question and to recommend the appointment of Sister Tinniswood.

A Committee is wise not to advertise a post if it intends to appoint an official in the institution, as needless expense and trouble are caused to other candidates, but the appointment should certainly be made in due order, after notice given, and the President was right in insisting on this.

Lord Provost Gibson, at the close of a recent meeting of the Edinburgh Town Council, when presenting medals to members of the Fire Brigade in recognition of the gallantry displayed by them at a fire in the Low Calton, referred appreciatively to the bravery displayed by Nurse Scambler, of the Alva Street Nursing Institute. The members of the Fire Brigade decided to present Nurse Scambler with a memento of the occasion, and the presentation was made at the Brigade headquarters. Councillor Dobie, on its behalf, presented Nurse Scambler with a gold brooch made from two gold buttons specially struck from the die of the firemen's buttons. The officers and men were paraded in the gymnasium, and Miss Scambler was introduced by Firemaster Portage. In making the presentation, Councillor Dobie said that the members of the Fire Brigade, who were themselves continually running great risks in the performance of their hazardous calling, recognised her courageous conduct in sticking to her post in the hour of danger, and the firemen were proud to ask Miss Scambler to accept a token of their recognition of a brave woman. The ceremony ended with cheers for Nurse Scambler and Councillor Dobie.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Sir William Bilsland, and Lady Bilsland, entertained the nurses of the Glasgow hospitals and infirmaries in the City Chambers last week. Nurses from over 30 institutions were present and the guests numbered nearly 1,500. The Matrons present included Miss Melrose, Royal Infirmary; Miss H. G. Smith, Western Infirmary; Miss Macfarlane, Victoria Infirmary, and others. In the course of the evening the guests assembled in the Banqueting Hall, when the Lord Provost expressed his pleasure and that of Lady Bilsland at the opportunity of welcoming so many of the nurses of Glasgow and their friends.

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