

WELCOME HELP.

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

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Territorial Nursing News.

Miss E. S. Haldane, Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Territorial Nursing Service, addressed a well-attended meeting at Leeds on February 24th, and explained the organisation of the Service. The Countess of Harewood presided, and the meeting was held in the Lord Mayor's rooms. At the close of the meeting an organising committee was appointed, with the Countess of Harewood as President and Miss J. E. Eddison as Vice-President. Miss Fisher, the Matron of the Leeds General Infirmary, will act as Organising Matron, and will be assisted by Miss Wreford, of the Women's and Children's Hospital; Mrs. Doran, of the Seacroft Fever Hospital; Miss Gittens, of the Workhouse Infirmary; Miss Dawson, of the Trained Nurses' Institution; Miss Barling, of the Queen's District Nursing Association in Leeds; and Miss Innes, of the General Infirmary, who is acting as Honorary Secretary.

The following day Miss Haldane addressed a meeting with the same object in the Town Hall, Sheffield, at which the Lord Mayor, Councillor H. K. Stephenson, presided, with the result that the following organising committee was appointed on the motion of Lord Scarborough:—Chairman, the Lady Mayoress; Deputy-Chairman, Miss Sinclair White, Rammoor; Mrs. Pye-Smith, 405, Glossop Road; Mrs. J. Marshall, Woodville, Broomhall Park; Organising Matron, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Miss W. C. Smeeton, Royal Infirmary, Sheffield; Matron, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Miss A. L. Earle, Royal Hospital, Sheffield; Matron, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Miss I. M. Turner, the Hospital, Rotherham; Secretary to the Sheffield Local Committee, Miss K. Jones, Assistant Matron, Sheffield Royal Infirmary; Miss A. E. Lewis, City Hospital, Lodge Moor; Miss A. Berry, Montagu Hospital, Mexbro'; Mrs. Connell, 79, Hanover Street, Sheffield; Lady Fitzwilliam, and the Mistress Cutler (Mrs Douglas Vickers).

Miss E. M. Musson, the recently appointed Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, has now taken up her duties there. We wish her every success in her new work.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

Her Excellency the Countess of Minto presided on February 1st at a Meeting of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association at Government House, Calcutta.

Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Crooke-Lawless, Hon. Secretary, states in his report:—

"The most encouraging feature of the Association is the great advance it has made in gaining the confidence of the public generally, which is evidenced by the large increase in its numbers of members (as shown by the returns from the Provincial Branches), and that the calls for the services of our Nurses are almost as many as the Association, with its present staff, can meet. The numbers of regiments, both British and Indian, now subscribing, have also markedly increased."

The question of the organisation of a branch in Bengal is now under consideration.

REPORT OF CHIEF LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Chief Lady Superintendent (Mrs. Davies) writes:—

At the close of 1907 five branches were working energetically, and at the close of the present year four more have come into existence, making a total in all of nine. During the past year the staff of the Association has been increased by seven Nurses. Seven resignations on the part of Nursing Sisters have been submitted and accepted by the Central Committee, and the fourteen resulting vacancies have been, with the exception of one, filled by recruitment out here, and it is pleasing to note that they have so far proved highly satisfactory. Fresh regulations in accordance with those instituted by the International Sanitary Convention of Paris (1903) have been adopted by the Association by which the period of quarantine in cases of cholera and plague has been reduced to five days.

A Provident Fund for the benefit of the Nursing Staff of the Association has been established, and came into force at the close of March last.

As a result of experience and also with a view to increasing the valuable sphere of operations of the Association, it has been decided that, in future, only those who hold midwifery qualifications with experience in private nursing, shall be deemed eligible for appointment under this Association. The Home Branch, in order to render the Nursing Sisters as professionally efficient as possible for work in this country, have arranged that each of them shall undergo a course of training in tropical diseases before leaving England.

During the past year, the Central Committee came to the conclusion that, for the greater popularity and success of the Association, also for the convenience of the public, that all subscribers should be at liberty to avail themselves of the services of nurses outside their own Province, where they may chance to be staying.

The Chief Lady Superintendent makes the following reference to the Eastern Bengal and Assam Branch:—

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