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We note in the seventy-sixth annual report of the Stockport Infirmary, that the want of beds is urgent, the Governors suggest the remedy, to build a Nurses' Home, and use the rooms now occupied by nurses for patients. By this means 20 more beds would be available, and as they realise it would raise the hospital to be a recognised school for the training of nurses. There is no doubt that the increase of beds, and the new Home would be a great advantage to the probationers as well as the patients.

To judge from the illustrations in the report, the wards at Stockport Infirmary are admirably constructed and furnished. We specially admire the wonderful uniformity of the coverlets in "James Leigh" and "Holden" Wards. Evidently it is part of the duty of the nursing staff to "see straight," as all cap bows are exquisitely tied exactly in the middle. Exactitude should be a fundamental principle in everything a nurse does, from measuring a drug to tying a cap string, and when it is clearly apparent in hospital detail we may conclude that the work throughout the institution is thoroughly well done.

Many hospital reports pass through our hands during the year, and we always consider that issued by the General Hospital, Birmingham, is a model, as it gives the necessary information clearly and in detail. The report for 1908 states that in order to make better provision for the quietness of the night nurses during their sleeping hours in the daytime, also to provide for the increase of staff and more sleeping rooms for the female servants, it was decided to build an extension of the Nurses' Home at right angles to the present Home, with which it will be connected on each floor. Forty-four bedrooms, with the necessary bathrooms, lavatories, etc., have been built. This will leave the uppermost floor of the Nurses' Home for servants, and add immensely to the comfort of the nursing department generally.

With the authority of the Board and the various Committees a pamphlet was issued during the year to residents, nurses, and students, under the title of "Hospital Expenditure and how it may be Reduced," drawing attention to the heavy expenditure neces-

sarily incurred, in the hope that special care will be taken to obviate unnecessary use or waste.

We all know how lint, cotton wool, and bandages appear to evaporate as easily as water and electric light.

*Nurses Near and Far* says the Nurses' Missionary League now supports Nurse Bhimi at the Nasik Hospital, and a cot at Ningpo; and in addition a bed at Pakhoi is supported by the members at King's College Hospital; one at Welimada, Ceylon, by the London Hospital, and another at Onitsha by the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. Nurses are urgently needed for work at Karabole, Toro, East Africa; Domasi, Nyasaland, Central Africa; Ludhiana, N. India; Poona, etc. Further particulars will be gladly supplied by Miss Richardson.

A Nurses' Missionary Directory has been compiled by Miss E. T. Fox, and will be published shortly. It will cost 1s. 6d., and all proceeds are to be given to the Nurses' Missionary League. It will contain full particulars as to the requirements of the various Missionary Societies which send out nurses, length of training, stipend, etc. We strongly advise all those who are thinking of taking up foreign mission work to procure a copy from Miss Richardson, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.

Miss Potter, Chairman of Committee, writes to the press from Heald Grove, Rusholme, Manchester; to draw the attention of the medical profession and the public to the new "Memorial Nursing Home," 8, Swinton Grove, Chorlton-on-Medlock. It has just been opened in order to fulfil a wish expressed by the late Miss Julia Gaskell during the last few weeks of her life that a Home should be provided at a lower rate, not for the very poor, nor for the rich, but for those who cannot afford the higher charge of the present proprietary homes in Manchester. The management will be in the hands of the sub-committee of the Private Nursing Department of the Manchester and Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Institution, and all inquiries should be sent to Miss Turner, Matron, 341, Oxford Road, Manchester.

This institution should prove of the utmost benefit to a class who are somewhat left out in the cold where really skilled nursing is required.

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