

and nursing branch was one of the most important parts of the Army.

In responding to a vote of thanks to the Lord Provost and the speakers, Miss Haldane expressed thanks to the Organising Matron, Miss Gill, and the Secretary, Miss Chalmers.

Sir John Muir Mackenzie, who, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, recently opened the new wing for Europeans at the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, erected through the generosity of Sir Jacob Sassoon, spoke in the highest terms of the work of the Sassoon Hospital Nursing Association. He said:—"To the efficiency of the nursing which the Association provides, I expect not a few of us can bear witness. None can give more eloquent testimony than my wife and myself by our appearance here to-day, since it is to the Sassoon Hospital and its nursing that we owe nothing less than our lives. The names of Sisters Ella and Louise and Nurses Goocher, Prince, and Baillie are imperishable memories with us."

He said further: "I ask my Indian friends to remember that the nurses are far from being wanted only for Europeans. As I said before, a good nursing staff doubles the attractiveness of a hospital to Indian patients, even of the humblest classes. And more than this, the superintendence of the devoted Sisters and European nurses will enable Indian women in time to be trained to the same efficiency in nursing as the European."

One of the most important branches of the work of the European nurses in an Indian hospital is the training of Indian women as probationers, for only through the women of the country taking up nursing work can the needs of this great Empire be adequately met. The same holds good of the vast continent of Africa. Here and there a few nurses are doing invaluable work for the sick, but its own people must be taught if the benefits, now enjoyed by the few, can be extended to the many. This is why the training of natives is so supremely important.

#### WELCOME HELP.

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

	£	s.	d.
A Member of the Registered Nurses' Society	...	10	0

## The Hospital World.

### ST. MARYLEBONE INFIRMARY, NOTTING HILL.

The St. Marylebone Infirmary must always have a special interest for those interested in nursing education, as a pioneer in the establishment of a training school for nurses in connection with a poor law infirmary, a system now adopted by every large infirmary of standing, and one which has been abundantly proved to be the most efficient as well as the most economical provision for the nursing of the patients, besides providing valuable opportunities of instruction and experience for probationers, a work of national value in view of the constantly increasing demand for the services of trained nurses in all branches.

That the Marylebone Infirmary holds high rank as an educational agency is proved by the fact that nurses who received their professional training in its wards are to be found holding responsible positions under the Local Government Board, and other Government Services, in distant parts of the world, working in connection with the Colonial Nursing Association, as District Nurses, in various parts of the United Kingdom, wearing the honoured Badge of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, as private nurses, and also in various hospital appointments.

The training they receive is a very thorough one, and both the Medical Superintendent, Mr. J. R. Lunn (who has held this position ever since the Infirmary was opened by the present King and Queen in 1881 (when Prince and Princess of Wales), and Miss Cockrell, the Matron, who was herself trained at the Infirmary, take a keen interest in the work of the Training School.

The School was started with six probationers in 1884, when the Nurses' Home—the first in connection with a Poor Law Infirmary to be built apart from the Infirmary—was opened. There are now 28 probationers in their first year of training, and 40 in their second and third year. The staff also includes 12 Ward Sisters, one to each floor of 56 beds, 2 Night Superintendents, 2 Assistant Matrons, and 1 Assistant in the Matron's Store-room. The latter post until recently was not filled by a nurse, but the administrative experience obtained under the supervision of the Assistant Matron has proved of value to the nurses not only in affording them a practical insight into the general working of a large institution, but also a distinct advantage to them when applying for higher posts, and there is now no lack of nurses anxious to gain the experience thus afforded.

*previous page*

*next page*