

presided, Mrs. Davies, Chief Lady Superintendent, reported that the progress of the Nursing Association had been well maintained during the last three months, and that steady advancement of an encouraging character is noticeable in many directions. Both the Punjab and United Provinces Branch have made a request that their respective staffs shall be increased by two in order to cope with the almost incessant demands for the services of the Nursing Sisters on the part of the subscribing community. Since the last meeting, the new Lady Superintendent, Miss Wason, has been installed at Bareilly, where the Sisters have very comfortable quarters. The Chief Lady Superintendent reports of the Rajputana Branch that the professional efficiency and power of endurance of the Nursing Staff of this Branch, in the face of great discomfort and fatigue, have been most warmly commended. A sum of 10,000 rupees, which has been placed at the disposal of the Bengal Government by Babu Vihari Lala Mitra, of Baghbazar, is to be handed over to the Provincial Committee of the Bengal Branch of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

In presenting the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Ceylon Nursing Association, the Executive Committee desires to express its thanks to Miss A. Martin Leake, the Secretary of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, who has generously given up a great deal of time to further the interests of the Ceylon Nursing Association in London in connection with the appeal of H.E. Lady McCallum; and to the Colonial Nursing Association, who have been instrumental in securing the services of three nurses during the year under review. This Association has been well supported during the year, and nurses have been sent to all parts of the island. Towards the end of the year a segregation ward was started and is now in course of construction. This ward, consisting of two rooms separated by a nurse's duty room, will, when completed, be used for enteric patients. It is situated as far as possible from the present Home, and is entirely self-contained, thus enabling enteric cases to be completely isolated. The growing work of the Association can be gauged by the increasing case list, and by the number of auxiliary nurses who have been engaged from time to time to supplement the regular staff.

Nurses who are interested in missionary work should not fail to visit "Africa and the East" at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, more especially the Bannu Hospital, the opium den, and the Chinese chemist's shop.

New Nursing Homes.

THE ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL, BATH.

That invaluable and long-contemplated addition to the Bath Royal United Hospital, the Nurses' Home and Out-Patient Department, is now practically complete. There remains the equipment and furnishing to be taken in hand, and when this is done the building will commence to be utilised in a quiet way. No ceremony is in contemplation. The three-fold purpose of the Hospital's annexe is:—(1) To provide accommodation for the nurses; (2) to provide better accommodation for the out-patients in a building that was not part of the main building; and (3), to provide accommodation for isolating cases that are suspect before admitting them to the general wards.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

There was an influential gathering at the Birmingham General Hospital on June 10th, on the occasion of the opening of the new Night Nurses' Home by the Lord Mayor (Alderman G. H. Kenrick). The extension is built at right angles to the present nurses' home, and provides a sitting-room for the Night Sister and forty-three bedrooms. Access can be gained from each of the three floors of the Nurses' Home. In the basement there is a class-room for instruction in sick-room cookery, the fittings in which will be provided through the kindness of Alderman J. H. Lloyd, a member of the House Committee. The cost of building and furnishing the extension was about £8,000, which, by sanction of the annual meeting of Governors, was withdrawn from the investment account. Towards this sum an anonymous donation of £2,000 has been received.

In asking the Lord Mayor to open the new Home the Chairman of the Board (Mr. B. B. Tilley) said that since the hospital was opened the number of operations had increased considerably, necessitating an increase in the number of the nursing staff, and inconvenience had been caused by the fact that there was not proper accommodation for the night nurses. The new building would remedy that, as it would be reserved exclusively for those on night duty.

The Lord Mayor declared the building open, and congratulated the Hospital upon this latest movement. The institution had led in many directions in the past, and at the present time there was not a more complete or perfect building in the country. It was not only complete, but had at its command all the necessary accessories. This latest addition was another instance of the admirable way in which the Governors looked after everybody connected with the hospital, from the most distinguished physicians to the humblest of its servants. The nurses were by no means the humblest of its servants, for they had all come to recognise that the functions of the nurses had extended very greatly of late years.

The Matron, Miss E. M. Musson, who has recently taken up office in succession to the late Miss M. E. Jones, will find evidence of the thoroughness which characterised all that Miss Jones did in the thought which has been expended on the new home.

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