

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

The Report for 1909 of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association is an excellent record of useful work, and the fact that the nurses have not been quite so busy this year is due to the satisfactory reason that there has been a general absence of serious illness amongst the European population.

The Hon. Secretary, Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Croke-Lawless, in his report, gives a typical instance of the way in which the nurses carry out the aims of the Association in carrying their skilled work to out-of-the-way places. Major Grant, Medical Adviser to His Highness the Maharajah of Jodhpur, wrote to the Hon. Secretary of the Rajputana Branch as follows:

"I wish to report the excellent services rendered by two of the nursing sisters of your branch (Misses Martin and Achard) while in attendance on an enteric case in this State. They were summoned by wire about the middle of December, and on arrival in Jodhpur, learned that their patient was lying ill in the desert, which necessitated their immediately undertaking a further journey of some hours by rail, and after that a ride of 32 miles on camels. That they accomplished this with the utmost cheerfulness, and it is only those who have had to do a similar journey who can fully understand the amount of fatigue that must have been endured. They remained for two months in the desert where no supplies could be obtained locally, and although the best that could be done in the circumstances was done for their comfort, needless to say it left a good deal to be desired. Their cheerful behaviour and devotion to duty impressed all who saw them."

The Hon. Secretary also reports that inoculation against enteric fever, which is now compulsory for all nurses going out, is done free of charge at the Pathological Laboratory of the Royal Medical College at Millbank, and the Association is much indebted to the Director-General of the Army Medical Service for this privilege. His report concludes: "I need hardly add that the supervision of the Association's work has been admirably carried out by Mrs. Davies, Chief Lady Superintendent. Her energy and whole-hearted devotion are beyond all praise."

Mrs. Davis's report reviews admirably and concisely the work of all the branches, and echoes the note of encouragement that has been the predominating and inspiring feature of the Association since its inauguration. The frontispiece of the report is a portrait of the Countess of Minto.

International News.

A copy of the Reports of the International Council of Nurses in a handsome dark green binding, lettered in gold, have been forwarded by Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary, to the Queen Dowager Sophia of Sweden. On the back are the words, "Reports of the International Council of Nurses," and on the cover, also in gold, "To her Majesty Sophia, Queen Dowager of Sweden, with the compliments of the Council." It will be remembered that Queen Sophia took an active interest in the International Congress of Nurses, held in London in July last, and in the Committee which organised the Swedish delegation.

The Department of Nursing and Health, Teachers' College, U.S.A.

The *Teachers' College Bulletin* for February 26th, 1910, is entirely devoted to the Announcement of "The Department of Nursing and Health," under the heading, "School of Household Arts."

Courses are offered in four sections in this Department preparing for:—

1. Teaching and Supervision in Training Schools for Nurses.
2. General Administration in Training Schools and Hospitals.
3. Public Service as Teacher-Nurses, Visiting Nurses, and Board of Health Assistants.
4. Admission to Training Schools for Nurses (Preparatory Course).

This places on a permanent and stable basis the Department, hitherto called Hospital Economy, which the College, in co-operation with the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, has carried on for ten years.

La Garde Malade Hospitaliere.

We rejoice to hear of the continued and growing success of *La Garde Malade Hospitaliere*, our spirited contemporary in Bordeaux. The Ministry of Public Instruction now subscribes for fifty copies, and has directed that one shall be sent to each of the "Lycée des Jeunes Filles" of France. The significance of this is that it is now considered desirable for nicely educated girls to have trained nursing brought to their notice as a possible career. This is most hopeful for the future of nursing in France, and we look forward to the time, not far distant, when French nursing will rank with the best, throughout the country, as it already does in the centres of progress.

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