

Nowhere is the work of nurses of greater value than in the outlying parts of the Empire, and the readers of this journal know that much good pioneer work has been done by Miss E. M. Newman, in far Kashmir. Last year a Mission Dispensary was opened at Rainawari, of which the Governor, Sahib Manmohan Nath Koul, who was unavoidably prevented by illness from being present, in his speech, sent for the opening day, wrote as follows:—

"All of you are perhaps perfectly well aware of the efforts made and the labours taken by Miss Newman in connection with the Mission Dispensary at Rainawari. The pains taken by the lady for the acquisition of the land and construction of the building, the opening ceremony of which is being performed to-day, are worthy of much credit and praise. Miss Sahiba has been displaying so much perseverance and sympathy with the public that everywhere wherever I have had occasion to go she has been highly praised and respected by the public. Miss Sahiba has earned wide reputation for her kindly treatment, and this adds much to her credit. As a matter of fact, the Zenana Mission Hospital is an unmixed blessing for the public which is better imagined than described."

Miss Newman reports that now the staff are working in the airy new dispensary they cannot think how they managed to live and work in the little native house for six long years. She is specially grateful for gifts of pomegranate trees for the garden, as so many women with fever ask her for a pomegranate.

Dr. Valentine, the Inspector of Hospitals in New Zealand, has initiated a scheme—and has suggested it should be carried out by the Hospital Boards of the Dominion—by the new Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, of bringing within reach of the sick and lying-in women in far distant country districts the aid they so sorely need. The Boards have not had time to consider fully this part of their duties, says *Kai Tiaki*, but the nurses, anticipating the calls for their services, are now adding midwifery training to their general nursing. This is the right course—experience in midwifery added to efficient nursing experience—not insufficient nursing knowledge tacked on to a short midwifery course, the system so unwisely advocated in rural districts in this country.

On the occasion of the presentation of medals and certificates to the nurses of the Johannesburg Hospital, on April 30th by Mrs. van der Berg, Mrs. Magill, Nursing Superintendent, presented a report on her department, which numbers 101 Sisters, nurses, and probationers. During the year Sister Brown has resigned the

position of Home Sister on her appointment to the Matronship of Barberton Hospital. Sister Turner has been appointed Home Sister and Staff Nurses Clapp and Bryan Sisters of wards. Twenty third-year nurses have passed the hospital examination, and been awarded certificates, and fifteen have passed the examination of the Transvaal Medical Council. The Gold Medal was won by Nurse Allison, and the Silver Medal by Nurses Moore and Stewart with equal honours. Mrs. Magill again records her conviction that a post-graduate course of lectures on the newer methods prevailing in European hospitals could not fail to improve the general standard of nursing throughout the hospital, and would be greatly appreciated.

### The Territorial Force Nursing Service of the City and County of London.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Service was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday last. The Lady Mayoress presided.

Lady Dimsdale was appointed to serve on the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee; Miss E. L. Pearse to a seat on the Executive Committee; and Lady Susan Gilmour to represent the Executive Committee on the Standing Committee of No. 2 General Hospital.

At the meeting of the Grand Committee, which followed, the following ladies were elected members:—Miss McCall Anderson, St. George's Hospital; Miss Cox-Davies, Royal Free Hospital; Mrs. Ewart; Lady French; Mrs. Fuller; Miss Haldane; Lady Hamilton; Miss Hamilton; the Hon. Mrs. Henniker; Lady Maud Hoare; Miss Amy Hughes, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses; the Countess of Jersey; the Hon. Mrs. Maxse; Mrs. Hope Morley; Lady Portman; Lady Sandhurst; Lady Blanche Granville Smith; Lady Esther Smith.

#### No. 1 GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Miss Cox-Davies, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, was unanimously elected Principal Matron of No. 1 General Hospital, in the place of the late Miss Isla Stewart, an appointment which is calculated to be very popular, as the hospital is entirely staffed by certificated Bart's nurses.

#### THE LADY MAYORESS AT HOME.

The Lady Mayoress most kindly invited the members of Committees, and the whole Nursing Staff, to a reception at the Mansion House on the evening of October 10th. This hospitality will be anticipated with great pleasure.

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