

miss her for writing to the press. If her statements and expressions of opinion were true, we should very much doubt their right to deprive her of her living.

Everyone was full of praise for Queen's Nurses at the annual meeting of the Scottish Branch of the Institute recently held in Edinburgh. There are now 323 nurses on the Scottish Roll. Professor Caird said it could hardly be estimated what good the nurses accomplished. They took part in the housework and relieved the rates.

Mr. J. Patten Macdougall referred to nursing in the Highlands, and particularly in the outer islands. Medical men were very scattered, and the assistance which had been given by the nurses was beyond all praise; it was educative, preventive, and curative.

The wide-spreading influence of the Bordeaux Nursing Schools in France, whilst most gratifying to Dr. Anna Hamilton, their founder, adds greatly to the necessity for the very best teaching for probationers which can be procured. As soon as trained many of these certificated nurses are called upon to go forth and spread the light in other parts of France.

In our advertisement columns will be found a notice that a Sister is required at the Maison de Santé Protestante (Protestant Hospital), Bordeaux. She must be thoroughly trained and certificated, and must speak French. The charge will be four wards containing both medical and surgical cases, men, women, and children, which makes the work varied and interesting. The hospital trains 19 probationers, so that the lady appointed will be doing good pioneer service, as the pupils will carry far and wide the system of nursing in which they become proficient. It was thus that Miss Elston, Matron of the Tondou Hospital, Bordeaux, began her very useful nursing career in France. To succeed in a foreign land a nurse must be of an adaptable nature, willing to learn as well as to teach, and in no way hide-bound with insular prejudices. All information can be obtained from Dr. Anna Hamilton.

The South African Colonisation Society is in need of nurses, one with three years' hospital training, who is also a certified midwife for Salisbury, Rhodesia, and one who has special training for children. The salary is £60, board, lodging, washing, and a certain amount of uniform. The passage second class is paid. The agreement is for three years, and a bonus of £25 is given at the end of that time of satis-

factory service. The Secretary of the Society (the address will be found in our advertisement columns) will give all information. Those nurses who long for pastures new, will find wide scope in Rhodesia.

For a long time the need of a professional club for nurses has been felt in Calcutta, both by the nurses themselves and as a centre through which the public could get into touch with private nurses, and recently their desire for such a centre found fulfilment. Lady Baker opened at the end of the year at 12, Kyd Street, Calcutta, the "Professional Nurses' Club," which has been established mainly through the good offices of Mrs. Moore, its first Hon. Secretary. Mr. Duncan McLeod, at the opening ceremony, described how up to the present time the nurses of Calcutta had been living in all parts of the town, some in rather obscure localities, and it had always been a matter of difficulty to find them for urgent cases. The idea of a club, when proposed by Mrs. Moore, was so well received that a Committee was formed to promote it, the object being to have an organised system whereby any one requiring a professional nurse could secure her on the shortest notice. Residential accommodation has been provided for a few nurses, and there are 43 outside members. The scheme has the approval and support of Lady Minto.

In declaring the club opened, Lady Baker said she was sure that it met a want which was much felt, and wished it every success. We congratulate the nurses of Calcutta on having a Home of their own, which will be a centre of professional life.

The first meeting of the Central Council of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association took place at Wellington in November. We learn from *Kai Tiaki* that the Branch Councils were requested to forward suggestions of different matters for consideration by the Central Council, which were then drawn up in the form of an Addenda and sent to each Branch Council, so that they might be considered and the delegates instructed as to the views of the Branch. Amongst the points down for consideration were the questions of incorporation, uniform fees, life membership, the qualification for future membership (State Registration only), co-operative training, the registration of outdoor uniform, and the adoption of a badge.

The two delegates of the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association to the first meeting of the Central Council held at Wellington were Mrs. Kidd, R.N. (*née* Bridgman), and Miss J. Melita Jones, R.N.

Miss Jones, who was formerly Matron of the

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