

prove her condition. Whatever she took of either, she declared made her sick, and after the smallest quantities of even liquid food she would always say: "I'm going to be sick." She really was a very difficult patient. Nothing would induce her to acknowledge that she was even a little better or that her circumstances were improved by leaving her little tin hut. Sometimes the doctor would say, "Isn't it better here, Sultany, than out in your damp shed." To which she would reply "Naam ya rhovvhager, ahsan, bass." (Yes, sir, better, *but*)—always "bass." For weeks this was always her answer to every question. "Naam, bass." (Yes, *but*.) So at last, from sheer fun and the wish to make her cheer up, we all called her "Sitt Bass," *i.e.*, "Mrs. But," and finally a faint sense of humour, long dormant in Sultany, was awakened, and she would hesitate before she added the final "bass" to each response, and would actually smile.

SISTER MARIE.

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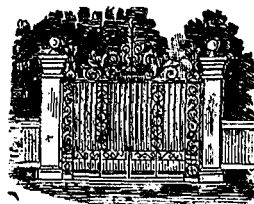
BUSH NURSING IN AUSTRALIA.

Miss Amy Hughes, speaking at a meeting convened under the auspices of the National Council of Women of Victoria, in support of Lady Dudley's scheme for district nursing, in the Chapter House of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, at which Lady Gibson Carmichael presided, and the Governor, the Prime Minister, and the Lord Mayor were amongst those present, said that Australia had an advantage, and was to be congratulated upon the excellent organisation of the nursing profession and the relations between the nurses and medical men; she had been struck with admiration and envy at the way in which the nurses had attained there what they were striving for in England. Victoria had the honour of being the first country to form such a register as that of the Royal Victorian nurses. This high standard would help the district nursing scheme very much in providing the right material for the work. The old-age pension system in England was leading to many old people remaining with their friends, and such cases would find much benefit from district nurses. The nurses would help the local hospitals by attending cases outside, which now had to be kept in the hospitals to the exclusion of more deserving cases. A keynote of success in England had been the special training in social problems, such as sanitation and hygiene, so that, in a homely way, they could apply the teachings in the homes they visited. She dwelt also on the importance of maternity nursing in saving the lives of mothers and children in places where mortality now occurred for lack of knowledge. It was said the scheme would cost £1,000,000. It would not cost anything like that, and was a memorial which the late King would have desired.

The following resolution was adopted:—"That this meeting looks forward with confidence to the announcement very shortly of the plan by which Her Excellency the Countess of Dudley hopes that the benefits of district nursing will be extended as widely as possible throughout the Commonwealth, and is ready to do all it can to help by practical means in attaining the object which Her Excellency has so much at heart."

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Lady Laura Ridding, President of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, with the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Rowland Prothero, and the Editor of the Occasional Paper, Miss E. M. Eaton, are appealing for increased support of this useful national society. They state that at least £900 is needed, that, owing to the enormous extension of the work, the office expenses have necessarily increased in the last two years, and that there must of necessity be a further increase as the N.U.W.W. grows in Committees, in Branches, and in importance; that the office is worked on the most economical lines, and the Finance Committee feel that further petty economies would be useless. To meet the present deficit the Executive Committee have decided to ask each member of their Committee to give or collect two guineas, but it is hoped that every member of the National Union will also help—by endeavouring to find new members who will subscribe annually one guinea; by doubling or raising their own subscription; or by collecting small donations in support of the N.U.W.W.

They state that what is really required is a reserve fund, from which the quarterly payments can be made without over-drawing at the bank. Every Association worked on a sound financial basis has its reserve fund, and the National Union of Women Workers is too important a society to dispense with such a desirable system of financial security. An increased yearly income from subscriptions is also necessary to enable the work of the N.U.W.W. to develop on the lines which are opening out to it an extended field of service and of influence.

The Isle of Wight County Education Committee have appointed Miss Florence Jane Monk, B.A., Principal of the Pupil Teachers' centre at Haywards Heath, Sussex, as Head Teacher of the County Secondary School, Newport. The Chairman stated that the successful administration under former women had influenced the Board of Education to alter their policy of opposition to such appointments.

The flower sellers of Covent Garden, known as the Louis Pennington flower girls, have lost a good friend in the late Vicar of St. Clement Danes Church in the Strand, the Rev. J. H. S. Pennington. At the funeral service last Saturday they occupied pews which were specially assigned to them, and during the officiating minister's reference to the deceased's work among the poor, many of them were overcome with grief. The poor of the neighbourhood gathered in such numbers as to stop traffic in the Strand.

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