

At the annual meeting of the Higginbotham Sick Poor and Nursing Association, held recently, the report presented showed that the twenty-nine district nurses of the Association had attended to 3,095 cases during the year. The actual expenditure did not amount to 20s. a head of the cases visited by the nurses, who deal with all kinds of medical and surgical cases under the instructions of medical practitioners throughout the city.

The picture which we have pleasure in reproducing on this page, and for which we are indebted to the *Dundee Advertiser*, is of Miss Flora G. Pegg, the recently appointed Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Dundee. Miss Pegg has had a varied experience, as she was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has been Charge Nurse at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, N.W.; Staff Nurse at Netley House, London; Theatre Sister, Home Sister, and Matrons' Deputy at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital; and Matron and Superintendent of Nursing at the Salop Infirmary, and also at the District Hospital, West Bromwich, so that she has excellent qualification for the position to which she has been appointed.

The nurses of the Cardiff Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, of which Miss Morgan is Superintendent, inaugurated a scheme at the annual sale of the Needlework Guild, held at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms last week, Lady Ninion Stuart presiding during the first part of the proceedings, that for a small fee the wives of working men should not only receive skilled attention at the time of confinement, but also the needful nourishment during the preceding weeks. The nurses of course realise that the fee of 5s. which is charged is not sufficient for this purpose, but hope that the many friends of the work will make up the deficit. There are, they state, a great many women who will not apply to the parish for the care they need, and being unable to afford to pay for nurse and doctor they call

in the services of a friendly but unskilled neighbour, sometimes with unfortunate results.

Mrs. Stoner, a member of the League of St. John's House Nurses, writing to its official organ from India, says:—"I went to Sialhot for a fortnight and had quite a good time. I paid several visits to the city, which is very old and interesting. There is an old fort which played a very important part in the Mutiny. (Sialhot was besieged). Just outside the fort in the heart of the city there is a little walled in space with the monuments and graves of those who were killed during that terrible time. It set me thinking of the horrors that those whose bodies were lying there must have witnessed and gone through. The day I was there was so lovely, the sun shining, and a nice breeze blowing and everyone going calmly about their work. I contrasted that day with what was probably taking place on such a day 52 years before on that very spot, our fellow country people being massacred and tortured. There is a very large American Mission Hospital in the city, with a lady doctor in charge. She has a large staff of nurses and compounders (native women). The nurses seemed very smart, and look very neat in their English uniform. They receive a post graduate course, and have examinations

(pretty stiff ones, too) before they are given certificates. They are trained on the American method, and some very good nurses are turned out from that hospital. I was allowed to go to the theatre one afternoon, and see the operations. There were two abdominal operations, and a Caesarian section.

"The nurses in the theatre were splendid, and could easily take their places beside some of our English trained nurses, and be equal to them in their surgical work. They seemed to quite realise and understand the importance of aseptic surgery. The outpatients are a very important part of the hospital's work."

At a meeting of the managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board last week the Clerk re-



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