

Territorial Force Nursing Service.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Territorial Force Nursing Service for the City and County of London was held at the Mansion House on Friday, March 3rd, at which the Lady Mayoress presided, when the Reports of the principal Matrons of the four general hospitals under its jurisdiction were received. Appointments to fill vacancies, subject to confirmation by the Advisory Board, were made in the various grades of the Nursing Service, including the nomination of a Matron to No. 1 General Hospital in place of Miss Polden, who has gone to New Zealand. Lady Dimsdale was nominated as a member of the Executive to serve on the Standing Committee of No. 1 General Hospital, and Lady Hanson on that of No. 2 General Hospital. Lady Wyatt Truscott intimated that later in the season she hopes to issue invitations to an At Home to members of the Service.

International News.

Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary, International Council of Nurses, writes:—

I have just had a most satisfactory interview with Dr. Yamei Kin, in regard to the chapter on Chinese Nursing for the Third Volume of the History.

Dr. Kin is a physician, one of the most distinguished students of the Blackwell Sisters, in whose memory a splendid meeting of tribute was held not long ago at the Academy of Medicine, Dr. Kin being present. She has come to this country for a visit of preparation for some very important medical and nursing work, of which she is to have charge in China. It is to be centralised work under the Government, and Dr. Kin already has a Chinese trained nurse, who went through at Guy's Hospital not long ago, ready to take the work of the nursing department. This nurse, who speaks English perfectly, is going to write an account of the projected work, and its bearing on the education of Chinese nurses, for the History. Will not that be delightful? The nursing work of Mission hospitals will be told from their own reports, but this new plan means the future training of Chinese women under Chinese direction. Dr. Kin has also brought to America a Chinese nurse, trained at home, who will take various courses of study here, ending with the Johns Hopkins Hospital nursing course of three years, and will then return to take a share in the national project.

I have also seen Miss McCalmont, who has returned from the Philippines, and has promised to take charge of the Philippine chapter, rewriting her own article, and she also will secure a contribution from a Filipino nurse, so that we shall see how our profession looks through the eyes of our foreign sisters.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

FAREWELL LETTER FROM THE COUNTESS OF MINTO, C.I.

The Annual Report of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association is always a very interesting document, excellently produced and illustrated. The report of 1910, just to hand, contains the facsimile of a letter from the founder, from Vice-regal Lodge, Simla, in which her Excellency writes as follows:—

"As I shall not be present at the meeting of the Association when this report will be presented, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking most cordially all those who have so kindly and generously assisted me in this undertaking.

"I am under a deep debt of gratitude to the Presidents and Committees of the various branches, as well as to their capable Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers, for their unvarying help and sympathy, and I look with confidence to them to continue to uphold the high standard which the Association has now attained.

"To the Chief Lady Superintendent, to the Lady Superintendents, and the members of the nursing staff, I say 'Good-bye' with sincere regret, thanking them with my whole heart for their splendid services at all times.

"That the Association may grow and prosper, and continue to bring the inestimable blessing of skilled nursing to those unfortunately afflicted by illness, so far away from our homeland, is my very earnest prayer.

"MARY MINTO."

The report opens with an account of the farewell meeting at Simla, held prior to Lady Minto's departure from India, at which the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Sir A. M. Ker, C.I.E., reviewed the work carried on by the Association since its foundation, and proposed a cordial vote of thanks, which was heartily carried, from the Central Committee to her Excellency for all she has accomplished for the Nursing Association which she inaugurated.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

The report of the Hon. Secretary, Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel Sir Warren Crooke-Lawless, C.I.E., whose departure from India is much regretted, and to whom a special resolution of thanks was passed, surveys the work of the various branches. It is interesting to note that the motor-car is an influence even on the north-west frontier of India. Of the Punjab branch we read: "At the close of the year it will be decided whether the present arrangement of keeping

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