

poor of the city, and is worthy of all support. It is therefore regrettable to learn that there is a constantly increasing deficit, expenditure having overtaken income to the extent of £500 to £600 per annum, the deficit on December 31st, 1910, being £1,669. In addition to purely district nursing work the Association, under agreement with the Liverpool Education Committee, has provided four school nurses who, together with other nurses on the staff, have given about 191,000 attendances to children. The Lord Mayor said that he did not know what Liverpool would do without its Queen Victoria District Nursing Association, and Sir Archibald Williamson assured the meeting that the work done by their school nurses was much more useful than perfunctory examination of the children. Their aim was to follow them up in their own homes and see that the necessary attention was given them. He reported that the amount subscribed for the new "Florence Nightingale Memorial Home" was £5,829. They had to bear in mind, however, that every year they were spending more money than they received. That could not go on indefinitely.

Mr. C. B. Hare, J.P., who presided at the Annual Meeting of the Royal West of England Sanatorium, emphasised the enormous debt which all concerned with the institution owed to the Hon. Superintendent, Miss Edith Mawe. The services she rendered were known to them all, and they realised that practically the Sanatorium was—a one woman's show. And they were no less proud than fortunate it should be so, for without Miss Mawe they did not well see how the Institution could be maintained in anything approaching such efficiency as at present. Miss Mawe's work was by no means confined to the internal affairs of the institution for she obtained a host of subscriptions from quarters unknown to the Committee and the first thing they heard of it was that donations had come in from altogether unexpected quarters—sometimes 50 or 100 miles distant.

The Cupar Sick Poor Nursing Association has decided to affiliate with the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute as they find that each year it becomes more difficult to find a suitable district nurse outside the ranks of the Jubilee Nurses, as the majority of nurses who wish to take up this branch almost invariably join the Q.V.J.I., where, after their three years' training, they obtain six months' experience in district nursing, including the care of the nursing of mothers and infants after childbirth.

Miss C. E. Eastwood, Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Toronto, writing to a contemporary, says:—"I have been deeply troubled by the number of Old Country nurses who have called on me, and who have most distressing tales to tell of their failures to obtain work. They seem to come out to our country sure that almost as soon as they land they will find all the employment they require. So sure are they that numbers of them bring only enough money to last them a few weeks. If you will permit me through your paper, I should like to sound a note of warning to nurses thinking of coming to Canada."

A warm measure of appreciation is accorded by *The Canadian Nurse* to Dr. Helen McMurchy, who consented to become Editor of that journal, with the understanding that a trained nurse would be found as soon as possible to take it over, and who has completed her sixth volume before vacating the editorial chair in favour of Miss Bella Crosby. The Editorial Board are glad to retain her as friend and adviser, for they know that her interest in the nursing profession will always be warm and true.

Miss W. R. Hawkins, writing in the *Nursing Journal of India*, remarks that it is said the great preventative for insanity is to relieve the monotony of life. "Then," she says, "let all who feel that the jog trot life at home weighs on them burst their bonds and join us out here. Assuredly the monotony will be broken." After giving some typical instances, she says: "One feels the thrill of battle. Difficulties which only those who know what it is to try to train those who have no desire, no joy in nursing, can know."

"Sometimes we Sisters have to hear she is not up to the standard for a student, let her do nursing, and how our hearts rebel. We need the best, the very best we can have for our work, and more than that; we will conquer in the battle, and have the best too, even though in this generation we may have our monotony hourly relieved, and live in the midst of the unexpected—through all the difficulties which assuredly will come—what is our hearts' desire, fully trained, whole-hearted Indian nurses, and we! Oh, we shall never be insane."

The Pekin correspondent of the *Times* reports that the hospital under native doctors, in Kwangtchengsze, has been closed because four nurses and two doctors have died.

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