

The following letter has been addressed by the Chief Lady Superintendent, Lady Minto Indian Nursing Association, to the various branches of that organisation:—"I am desired to ask you to kindly inform your Committee that her Excellency Lady Hardinge of Penshurst has now formally taken over the duties of Lady President of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association. Her Excellency trusts that all those who have so cordially assisted Lady Minto during the last five years will continue to give her the same generous and valuable aid in the future. Lady Hardinge desires that it shall be generally known that she is keenly interested in the work which has been carried on by her predecessors, and that she will use her best endeavours to forward the interests of the Nursing Association. Moreover, her Excellency sincerely hopes that the relations of the Central Committee, with the provincial branches, will continue on the same cordial terms as have existed heretofore. Her Excellency Lady Hardinge also desires me to inform you that her Majesty Queen Mary has graciously consented to become patron of the Association conjointly with her Majesty Queen Alexandra. Major F. O'Kineally, I.M.S., Surgeon to his Excellency the Viceroy, has now taken up the post of Honorary Secretary of the Association."

The Lady Amptill Nursing Institute, Madras, which, in the great southern presidency of our Indian Empire, is carrying on the same good work as Lady Minto's Association further north, and which derives its income from invested funds, with a grant from the last mentioned Association, last year maintained twelve fully trained nurses in addition to a Matron and Superintendent. The Nurses were stationed not only at Madras, but at Ootacamund and Travancore, the cases nursed being mostly those of enteric.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ceylon Nursing Association a letter was received from a member with reference to the re-engagement of the staff. It was pointed out that all nurses were engaged through the Colonial Nursing Association, and that any nurse wishing to return should communicate in the first instance with that Association. It was resolved, "That the Secretary write to the Colonial Nursing Association, asking that a new nurse be sent out early in the year, and that preference be given to a former member of the nursing staff."

Miss Mary A. Cotton, the Superintendent of

Nurses of the Lady Stanley Training School for Nurses at Ottawa, has recently organised a "Court of Honour." Its object is to make all pupils in training self-governing, responsible members of the school, dependent upon themselves for the maintenance of all that is just and in keeping with standard requirements.

At a meeting of the Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, New Zealand, a lively discussion ensued on the recommendation of the Hospital Committee, at the request of the Matron, made through the Medical Committee, that first-year probationers be allowed to do duty in the typhoid wards, provided they were given a copy of the precautions necessary to guard against infection, and that the advantages of vaccination be pointed out to them. The Board was strongly divided on the subject, and the Chairman opposed the recommendation. In its favour it was argued that first-year nurses ran little or no more risk than others, providing they took proper care, and that it was unfair to compel second and third-year nurses to do probationers' work in the fever wards, and that these wards provided exceptionally good nursing experience. Eventually it was agreed that the recommendation should be acceded to, provided that the probationers had been six months under training.

Dr. Arthur G. Bennett, in addressing the graduating class of the Women's Christian Association Hospital, Jamestown, N.Y., gave some very excellent advice, not the least of which referred to private nursing.

"Never make disparaging remarks," he said, "to your patient about any physician, and above all do not gossip about your other patients. I ran across a verse the other day which I will read for your benefit. It appealed to me so much that I wish it could be engraved in stone in every training school, and committed to memory by every nurse and doctor:

"A wise old owl sat on an oak,  
The more he looked, the less he spoke,  
The less he spoke, the more he heard,  
Let's imitate this wise old bird."

#### THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

Miss Cowper, Superintendent, Scottish Branch, Q.V.J.I., acknowledges with many thanks the sum of £6 received from Queen's Nurses in the Scottish Branch, as membership subscription of the Association for the Promotion of Registration of Nurses in Scotland, for 1911. The sum has been sent to the Treasurer of the Association.

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