

Nurses should not fail to note the Missionary Exhibition organised by the Nurses' Missionary League, which will be held at the Holborn Hall (corner of Gray's Inn Road and Clerkenwell Road), on Wednesday, May 10th, from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. All nurses will be welcome, and tickets and all further particulars may be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W. Short addresses will be given at intervals during the day, and there will be many other attractions.

Of the £2,700 subscribed by the inhabitants of Brighton and Hove for the joint memorial to King Edward VII., £1,800 has been voted to the Queen's Nurses and £100 for a statue emblematical of Peace to be erected on the front.

There was a large attendance of ladies at the Inauguration Meeting of the Ladies' Linen League, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, held recently in the Board Room of the hospital, at which Lady Darnley presided.

The Matron, Miss Pote Hunt, after announcing that letters in support of the meeting had been received from several well-known and influential ladies, said that the object of the League was to supply garments, blankets, and linen for the use of the in-patients.

To attain their object it was necessary for those interested in the scheme to put the utmost enthusiasm into the work.

It was desired that every member of the League should contribute two garments, two articles of ward linen, or a subscription each year.

The Chairman then called upon Mrs. Lane to propose that the Ladies' Linen League be inaugurated, which was accordingly done.

Lady Darnley went on to say that the success of any great work which was undertaken by women was a foregone conclusion. It was a success for the reason that women had such an extraordinary power of longing to do good in the world, and they were there to further every splendid and noble work. The Ladies' Linen League had been suggested by the Matron, and they were all thankful to her for proposing the scheme.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital embraces a large and well populated area. As compared with 1909, the attendance of out-patients has increased by over 3,000 in the past year.

The Matron has lately arranged through the Kent Education Committee for a course of

sick room cookery to be given to the nurses during their training.

Dr. Valintine, the Inspector General of Hospitals in New Zealand, has expressed the hope in referring to out-lying settlers that they will be helped by a system of district nursing, which, when established, will be found to be such a boon that within a few years every district will have its district nurse. New Zealand has a population of about one million, and spends £236,000 on hospitals. It is suggested that the Auckland Hospital shall be brought up to date by an expenditure of from £50,000 to £70,000, so as to make it the largest and best equipped hospital in the Dominion.

It is interesting to note in the Report of Mrs. Davies, Chief Lady Superintendent of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Service, in reference to the Bengal Branch, that this branch was brought into existence on April 1st with the installation of four Sisters under the supervision of a Senior Sister, and, since that date, the staff has been brought up to its full complement of seven.

In accordance with the stipulations laid down by the Local Committee, that at least two-fifths of the nurses appointed to this Branch should be locally trained, every effort was made to secure such but with small success. Twelve applications only were received, and, with two or three exceptions, it was found that the applicants were insufficiently trained or not eligible on account of age.

On the other hand we observe that the resignation of Miss Mackenzie (Rajputana Branch) on the completion of her term of service "was an unquestionable loss to the Branch. She was Indian trained, but soon proved herself to be quite one of the most capable and experienced members of the Nursing Staff of the Association."

In two instances vacancies have been filled in the Punjab Branch by Australian trained nurses, "both of whom have proved their professional efficiency, and have given every satisfaction."

Miss Higginson and Miss Lewin have been specially commended on more than one occasion.

Miss L. L. Dock has sent to the International Library, at 431, Oxford Street, W., the third volume of the Transactions of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, held at Washington, in September and October, 1908. The volume is a mine of information.

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