

Asylum, where, in recognition of the treatment her brother received, a girl, who belongs to a poor family, has given £50 to the nurses. It is proposed to establish a library for the nursing staff with the money, and to place in each book an extract from the sister's letter of thanks.

At the annual meeting of the Kirbymoorside and District Nursing Association, founded three years ago by Lady Helmsley and the Hon. Mrs. Beckett, the Chairman, Mr. P. S. Sherbrooke, referred appreciatively to the excellent work done for them by Nurse Judson, and said she deserved their best thanks. They had every reason to be thankful for and satisfied with what had already been accomplished by the Association. Muriel Lady Helmsley then gave a most interesting address on the advantages of and necessity for a nursing association in all districts, and pointed out the great advance in sanitation and medical and surgical science, also how through these associations these great advantages could be obtained by the people even in rural districts.

At the annual meeting of the Newport, Isle of Wight, District Nursing Association, at which the Deputy Mayor (Mr. J. C. Millgate), presided, it was reported that 150 cases had been nursed by Nurse Robertson, who had paid 5,464 visits. She had been with the Society nearly 12 years and continued to give general satisfaction by her kindly and conscientious discharge of duty. Nurse Cheverton had taken the holiday duty and had made 153 visits, having had four new cases, and she had done her duty well in her native town. Nurse Lankester was much liked by her patients, and had given great satisfaction in nursing her 114 cases. Nurse Winstanley had taken her place during her well-earned holiday and had done the work well.

Amongst the business for consideration at a meeting of the Swansea Hospital Board last week was the appointment of an assistant matron. Colonel Morgan explained that when the vacancy for an assistant matron occurred an advertisement was inserted in various papers, and in response there were between 50 and 60 applicants, but the matron was not prepared to recommend one of them. The matron then wrote to several large hospitals asking them to assist her in procuring an efficient assistant. In reply, she had received three applications, all excellent, and there was no doubt as to the efficiency and capability of each. They came from St. Mary's Hospital,

Paddington, the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and St. George's Hospital, London. Of these three applications Miss Georgina Scott White received the most votes and was elected, though the choice of the committee was not that of the candidate whose claims were specially recommended to their notice by the matron. One member of the committee ridiculed the idea of its "being played with in this fashion," and said the claims of the other two candidates should not be overlooked. Colonel Morgan disagreed, and said that whatever the matron did was undoubtedly in the interest of the institution, and hoped her desire would be carried out. None of the candidates were present, and it was stated that none had had personal interviews with the matron.

If the credentials of the three candidates after investigation by the matron appeared to her suitable and worthy to be recommended to the committee, it would have been well for them to be summoned to appear before the committee, who could then probably have arrived at a decision, in consultation with the matron, without difficulty. Even in the appointment of probationers on trial it is an almost invariable rule that they cannot be accepted until after a personal interview, and the importance of such an interview is greatly increased when the appointment is to a responsible position, such as that of assistant matron.

At a meeting of the council of the North Wales Nursing Association, held in the Council Chamber at Bangor, at which the Lord Lieutenant of the county, Mr. J. E. Greaves presided, it was reported that fifteen village nurses trained by the association are at work in the various counties of North Wales, and that eleven candidates were at present receiving training, some of whom will be ready for work in the coming autumn and winter. A statement by the treasurer (Mr. David Williams, Bangor) showed that the account of the association would very soon be overdrawn at the bank unless subscriptions and educational grants were paid in shortly. A suggestion by Mr. Pennant that the King Edward Memorial Committee be offered the power of appointing a representative on the governing body of the North Wales Nursing Association was approved, and will be submitted to the next annual meeting of subscribers. At the conclusion of the meeting the President,

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