

The Matron said that the staffing of the wards was left to herself and the Committee. Dr. Fergus had twice spoken to her about the question of nurses. The matter of the accommodation of nurses had got to be considered; they had not room for any more. Extra nurses had been obtained in some cases, and they had been accommodated in one of the wards. Taking the whole staff, the number of nurses was about one to ten patients. She would like to see it one to eight.

The Foreman said he did not think one nurse was sufficient for 30 patients.

The Coroner said lack of accommodation was no answer to the fact that more nurses were necessary.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and added the following rider:—"The jury wish to draw the attention of the Committee of the Infirmary to the fact that in the opinion of the junior medical officer there are not sufficient nurses in the wards, and they also desire to state that in their opinion the nursery, containing 14 children under the age of three years, should not be left alone at night."

DISTRICT NURSING.

The excellent and valuable work which is being carried on by the Darlington Queen's Nurses' Association was testified to by the annual report which was presented to the annual meeting of the Association last week.

The inspector had reported that the work was very carefully done, and everything was in excellent order.

The committee were glad to be able to report a satisfactory state of affairs as regards finance, and thanked their friends for special efforts on their behalf. Without such interest and help it would be impossible for the committee to maintain the Home on its present basis, which was already none too large.

During the year, 885 cases had been dealt with, involving 19,388 visits.

At the annual meeting of the Swansea and District Nursing Association, Dr. Frederick Knight made a strong plea for a new nurses' home. He said they wanted £3,000 at least, and in a town of the size and importance of Swansea there should be no difficulty about raising that amount. They would have to show first that they had a good cause—he did not think anybody in Swansea would dispute that. He had looked up the figures, and found that in 1883 they had one general nurse, and 2,362 visits were paid. Last year they had a staff of four general nurses, two midwives, and two

pupils, making eight altogether, outside the Matron and servants, and the number of visits paid were 21,697. He thought the figures a good argument in favour of a new home for the nurses, and so do we.

At the fifth general meeting of the South Wales Nursing Association, held at Brecon, Lady St. Davids said that the South Wales Nursing Association were the representatives of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute in Wales, and she hoped to see a Queen's nurse in every district. She made an earnest appeal to Breconshire to appoint eighteen district nurses during the coming year, and spend £1,800 on them.

Very good advice—which let us hope Breconshire people will take to heart.

FROM OVER SEAS.

We are glad to note from an excellent number of the *Nursing Journal of India*, what an unqualified success the recent Nursing Conference at Bombay has been. Delhi will have the pleasure of welcoming the Trained Nurses' Association of India at its next Conference. The new President, Miss Bartleet, was trained at Westminster Hospital, London, and the Vice-President, Miss L. E. Mackenzie, at St. George's Hospital, Bombay. Both ladies have worked untiringly for the uplifting of nursing in India.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

The Annual Concert of the Nurses' Choral and Social League will be held in the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. Dr. W. H. Hickox, F.R.C.O., will conduct, and a choir of over 200 members of the Nurses' Choral and Social League will take part. There will also be duets and quartets by the nurses, and many artistes will kindly assist. Tickets are: 5s. reserved, 2s. 6d. and 1s. unreserved, and the proceeds are to be given to the funds of the League. Apply to the hon. secretary, 50, Queen's Gate, S.W.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses gratefully acknowledges the following donations:—Anon., £2; Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League, £1 1s.; Lady Mackenzie Davidson, £1; Miss E. L. C. Eden, 5s.; Mrs. M. E. Ayres Lucas, 2s. 6d.; Miss L. M. Grimes, 2s. 6d.; the Honble. Albinia Brodrick, 2s.; Miss McCarthy, 1s. 6d.

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