to the conditions prevailing in many work-houses, as, excepting where there is a Superintendent Nurse, no standard of training is laid down, and the consequent unpopularity of Poor Law Service amongst nurses. To carry on the work funds and new supporters are urgently needed. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. H. Dixon Kimber, 79, Lombard Street, E.C.

The Cleveland Street Infirmary Nurses' League (no longer the Central London Sick Asylum League) will hold an "At Home" on April 25th at 42A, Cleveland Street, W., at 4 p.m. The change of administration has necessitated the alteration of title, and the letters on the Badge now adopted are C.S.I.L. (Cleveland Street Infirmary League).

The Journal of the Cleveland Street Nurses' League is always very tastily produced. This year there is a charming frontispiece of Mrs. Reed (née Farries), who has undertaken to continue the editorship since her marriage, and the picture of the operating theatre shows surgeons and nurses garbed and gloved in the most up-to-date aseptic fashion. How different to things in the past, before arrangements had been made for up-to-date surgery in Poor Law Mr. M. Fitzmaurice-Kelly, Infirmaries! F.R.C.S., the Medical Superintendent, has some very useful remarks in the Journal on "Surgical Work at Cleveland Street," which proves how carefully the nurses are instructed in its details. "E. S. V." writes most interestingly of her trip to Panama, and anticipates going through the Canal when "her money tree bears." Miss Charlotte Leigh, Miss R. J. Smith, Miss M. Punchard, continue their good work respectively as President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.

Many nurses will learn with surprise that the old familiar address of the Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street, W., has now been discarded, and the home of the Co-operation is at 22, Langham Street, W., which has been secured on a 65 years' lease. So far as office accommodation is concerned, the change is one for the better, as the offices are much more convenient than in New Cavendish Street. The change has been necessitated because of the expiration of the lease of the old premises, which in a short time will be in the hands of the housebreakers, and modern flats will arise in their stead.

Members of the Registered Nurses' Society will read with pleasure the following quote from a letter from a Lady Superintendent who has just retired and disposed of her Nursing Home in London. She writes:—"One of the happiest memories of the Home will be the splendid work done here by many members of the Registered Nurses' Society." The address of this Society worked on the co-operative principle is at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., from which address thoroughly trained and reliable nurses can be obtained. The fact that nurse members of the Society have seats on the Committee, and thus have a vote in the selection of all new members, should appeal to women who appreciate self-government.

Amongst the recent resignations of members of the R.N.S. are Miss A. Richford, Miss E. G. Best, Miss F. King, and Miss M. L. Sunman, upon their approaching marriages; Miss J. H. Potter has been appointed Sister at Miss Nelson Smith's Nursing Home in Welbeck Street, W.; and Miss P. Tillott has accepted a permanent post at 9, Mandeville Place, W. Miss A. Cooper has been accepted for training for foreign mission work under the Church Missionary Society, and Miss E. Kerr is going abroad. Emigration was the order of the day amongst members in 1913, but although fees are higher in Canada, the work is so much more arduous than at home that only energetic and strong women inspired by the pioneer spirit make useful private nurses in that Dominion.

Writing from Alberta, and quoted in the Report of the British Women's Emigration Association for 1913, a nurse says:—"I think there are four essentials absolutely necessary for a nurse to be a success out here:—

1. She must be very strong physically.

2. She must be adaptable. Nursing out here means a very large share of housework, often with the minimum of utensils, water, &c.

3. She must have a strong sense of humour, for comedy can easily be turned to tragedy if she lacks it.

4. She must have sufficient inner resources to make up for the lack of refinement, and to overlay the gingerbread of life with a little gilding.

The failure in England is no use out here.
... If anyone has a hankering for the flesh pots of Egypt, let them stay in England.
... The country is too young and too self-assertive to be gentle with failures of any sort.
... Let no one come out thinking she is in for a soft job."

Miss du Sautoy would be glad to hear from trained nurses (matrons, superintendents, and previous page next page