

NURSING ECHOES.

The annual report of the Colonial Nursing Association, which is an interesting record of much useful work—affording an illustration of the share the nurses of the Association are taking in the care of the sick and wounded, in addition to their usual duties—claims that this “brief account of the manifold activities of the nurses of the C.N.A. should be of greatest interest to the public at large, and must undoubtedly bring feelings of relief and thankfulness to those of us who have kith and kin in far-off corners of this vast Empire. At home the trained nurse is a *necessity* and is recognised as such. Abroad, until this Association commenced its work nearly twenty years ago, she was an unattainable luxury, and heartbreaking loss and sorrow were the result. The funds for maintaining this most vital work and increasing the scope of action have inevitably suffered during the past year of national stress and strain, and while returning grateful thanks to those subscribers whose steady help still abides with us, the Executive Committee feel that as soon as a convenient moment has arrived a leap forward must be attempted, if this beneficial work is not to be seriously hampered or curtailed by loss of income. When this moment arrives the Committee feel sure that they will be able to rely on the self-sacrificing response of ‘the stayers at home’ to an appeal for help for what was so justly described some years ago by the Government of the Federated Malay States as ‘an institution formed to ameliorate the conditions of life in distant parts of the Empire.’”

At Tuesday’s meeting of the Kingston Board of Guardians the Chairman, Mr. T. Lyne, J.P., alluded to the sad death of Miss McAllister, the late Assistant Matron of the Infirmary, who was killed in the recent accident to the Irish express. He said she was a valued official, and endeared herself to all who knew her. The Board agreed to send a letter of sympathy to her relatives. Mrs. Paston Brown, who was for some years Chairman of the Board of Guardians, wrote expressing regret that illness prevented her attendance. She regretted this the more as she would be unable to join in the vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Assistant Matron, Miss McAllister, whose tragic end they all deplored.

The Mayor of Newport (Isle of Wight) presided at the annual meeting of the Newport District Nursing Society, when a very satis-

factory report was presented by Mr. James Eldridge. It stated that Nurse Robertson had attended the sick poor as usual, giving satisfaction to the Committee and patients. She had had 158 new cases, besides seven carried over from the previous year. Of these fourteen died, one was removed to the Royal I.W. County Hospital, and two to the Workhouse Infirmary, leaving 148 who recovered or were relieved, and seven cases still on the books. Nurse Robertson, who had paid 5,054 visits during the year, would complete her sixteenth year with the Society in November, and she was now on her well-earned holiday. The nurse was engaged to attend the sick poor, and a small charge was made for those who could afford it. Nurse Kneebone took up the duties of maternity nurse on September 1st, and had 90 cases; Nurse Gabbett, who acted till she came, had ten cases, and Nurse Russell, who came in place of the former, had 30 cases, a total of 130 cases for the year. Nurse Russell had only been a short time with the Society, but had proved capable in her work, and was liked by her patients. Nurse Gabbett had taken the school clinic and holiday work, had helped both the other nurses when required, and had had nineteen private cases, and her work was appreciated by both committee and patients.

It must be gratifying to the Committee of the Turriff Nursing Association that Miss Peterkin, the Superintendent of Queen’s Nurses for Scotland, who has visited Turriff twice during the year, says of Nurse Smith:—“The work seen with Nurse Smith was done in a thoroughly satisfactory way. Her manner with patients was kind, pleasant, and tactful, her nursing technique was very good, and she did everything in a sensible, capable manner.” This report by her superior officer will be appreciated by Nurse Smith. The praise is that of an expert.

The popularity of Miss Mary Warren, the district nurse of Dunvant and Killay, was evidenced at the Dunvant Parish Hall on Saturday evening, when she was made the recipient of a purse of gold and combined dressing and writing case on the occasion of her leaving the neighbourhood. The Rev. J. H. Davies occupied the chair, and Mrs. M. B. Williams (Killay), who made the presentation, said that Nurse Warren had endeared herself to a host of friends during her two years’ stay in the neighbourhood, and the association was very sorry to lose her services. She wished her every success in her new sphere of labour.

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