

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was then passed, to which Miss Wood briefly responded, and then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation, and the meeting concluded.

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THE DUKE OF FIFE, President of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury, will take the chair at the annual dinner in aid of this estimable charity, which will be held on March 18th.

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THE MARQUIS OF BUTE has consented to be President of the Welsh Branch of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and has given a donation of £50 to the local fund in aid of the work.

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OWING largely to the energy of Dr. Robert Rentoul, of Liverpool, the strong disapproval of the majority of the medical profession to the Midwives' Registration Bill has been loudly expressed from all parts of the country. The following resolution was unanimously agreed to at the annual meeting of the Devon and Exeter Medico-Chirurgical Society, held at Exeter on January 16th: "The members of the Devon and Exeter Medico-Chirurgical Society strongly disapprove of the Midwives' Registration Bill (Amended)."

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AT the meeting of the Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society on January 15th, a discussion was held on the proposed Midwives' Registration Bill. After a legal opinion on the Bill had been had, the President invited discussion, in which Mr. Arthur Jackson, Dr. Keeling, Mr. West Jones, Dr. Martin, Dr. Hargreaves, and many others took part. All the speakers, without exception, were strongly opposed to the Bill. Dr. Martin proposed, and Mr. A. Jackson seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That this meeting of the Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society is of opinion that the passage of this Bill for the Registration of Midwives through the House of Commons should be delayed, and that a Committee of the Society be appointed to see the Members of Parliament for Hallamshire and the borough of Sheffield, and to take such other steps as may be needful to secure delay."

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THERE has been so much pressure upon my space of late that I have had to leave out on more than one occasion many items of news, and I have not, to my great regret, been able to mention at all the accounts of the Christmas festivities at various Hospitals and Institutions. The Children's Convalescent Home at Great Yarmouth, the Altrin-

cham (Cheshire) Hospital, and the Middlesborough Nurses' Association, picked out of some score of reports I have received, were particularly distinguished for their pleasing nature. More than this is prohibited me for the reason given above. I shall, however, be glad at all times to do my best towards inserting any news in these columns forwarded to me, provided I only receive it early enough.

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I HAD to leave over for the same reason an account of the Nurses' Co-operation, which has been duly inaugurated. Its offices are 8, New Cavendish Street, W.; its Lady Superintendent Miss K. Philippa Hicks; and its Secretary, Miss Honnor Morten; its objects and rules the following:—

(1) A Society incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act of 1862-90, pursuant to which none of the Society's profits can be distributed except among the Nurses who join the Society.

(2) Candidates for the Register must be approved by the Lady Superintendent and enrolled by the Committee.

(3) No Nurse can be admitted to the Register unless she hold a Hospital Certificate, or can produce satisfactory evidence of one year's Hospital training directly followed by two years of Private or District Nursing. In the latter case facilities will be offered to Nurses to pass an examination before an approved Board of Examiners. Evidence must also be supplied as to moral character, state of health, and place of residence.

(4) Each Nurse will, at the termination of her case, be paid the full amount of her earnings, less seven and a-half per cent., which will be placed to a common fund, out of which the yearly working expenses of the co-operation will be defrayed. The accounts of the co-operation will be made up annually to December 31, and audited by a professional accountant. Any surplus of the common fund then remaining will be available for distribution amongst the Nurses as may in general meeting be determined.

(5) Nurses arrange their own fees, but the minimum charge is one guinea a week.

(6) The object of the co-operation is not solely for the supply of Private Nurses, but for their general benefit. It is proposed immediately to start lectures and clinical instruction for the Nurses, and in this direction several medical men and Matrons have offered their services.

(7) The management of the co-operation is vested in a General Committee, twelve members of which will be appointed as an Executive. At least six Nurses shall be on the Executive Committee.

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