

significant item of "Expenses during sickness of Nurse £21 4s. 1d." I have pointed out to Mr. Editor how frequently this item occurs in the balance sheet of country Institutions, and he will deal with it in another column this week. It seems strange that Institutions should take no steps to save themselves from this continually recurring loss. I should like to know how long the Private Nurses of the Burton-on-Trent Institution have been trained. In view of the many evidences contained in their report of the care bestowed by the Committee on the sick and of their consideration for their Nurses, I hope that in the next report it will be stated that the Lords' Committee's recommendations have been acted upon at Burton-on-Trent, and that every Private Nurse has had three years' Hospital work.

THE Second Annual Report of the Middlesborough Nursing Association is very neatly and effectively "got up," and is, in fact, more like the artistic Reports published by the Record Press, Limited (376, Strand, W.C.), than these publications usually are. Yet, I hear on all sides that the appearance of a Report has a great influence with the public. A tasteful-looking pamphlet, I believe, is often opened and perused, and the good work which it details is thus made known, when the ordinary tract-looking Report is pitched, in its cover, into

the waste paper basket. At any rate, this is the principle upon which the Record Press seems to be very successfully working. I heard lately that it had supplied a Society with 2,000 most artistic copies of its Report for nothing, as the entire cost was defrayed by advertisements, and that the issue of these nearly doubled the list of annual subscribers. The moral of which is that outward appearances count for something in Reports as well as in humans.

So I OPENED and then read the Report of the Middlesborough Association with much pleasure, for it is in a very flourishing condition. During the year, Miss PURVIS, the Lady Superintendent, to whom great credit is justly given, and her two District Nurses paid 5,990 visits to 282 patients. Like most North country concerns, the Association clearly believes in financial stability, because in two years it has accumulated a Reserve of £300, and has a balance of £143 on the year's working. The only thing I should like to see altered is that now the earnings of the Private Nurses are placed amongst the ordinary receipts, whereas the Private Nursing department, as a self-supporting system, should clearly be kept distinct in its accounts from the District Nursing, which is dependent solely upon charitable support. The principle is very important, and I feel confident

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