

NURSES ENTERTAIN BISHOP.

From Manila we learn that Bishop Brent has been given a dinner and reception at the Nurses' Quarters, 326, Calle San Miguel.

In Boston, the scene of the Bishop's labours before he was appointed to the Philippine see, he was foremost in the work of the St. Barnabas Guild of Nurses, and a number of those who were associated with him in his work are now in the service in Manila.

It has been the intention of those ladies to give him a reception as soon as he had an unoccupied evening, and recently Miss Bertha M. Gertsch gave a small dinner-party, at which the Bishop was the guest of honour, following which a reception was held. The house was handsomely decorated and a large number of prominent society people attended, including Governor Taft and Dr. Kruger, the German Consul. The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing and the gathering dispersed at a late hour.

WOMEN NURSES FOR THE NAVY.

The first annual report of Surgeon-General Rixey shows that the health of the Navy and Marine Corps was good throughout the past fiscal year, the percentage of the sick and death rate being lower than for several years. The most important recommendation of the report, perhaps, is that Congress provide for the establishment of a woman's nurse corps for the Navy, to consist, first, of one superintendent nurse, eight head nurses, and sixteen first-class nurses and twenty-four second-class nurses, these numbers to be increased at the discretion of the Secretary. The Surgeon-General says:

"That women are the superior of men for the work of nursing there can be no question, and the objection that they are not compatible with military conditions can scarcely apply to institutions of the character of our large naval hospitals."

ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ENDORSE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

At the meeting of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, held at Champaign, Ill., on October 17th, the delegates pledged themselves to work for State Registration of Nurses. The subject was presented by Mrs. Hutchinson, the President of the Illinois Graduate Nurses' Association, who stated that there were five bogus training-schools in Chicago that were teaching nursing by correspondence and granting diplomas at the end of six months. Her statement created something of a sensation among the ladies. The public can only be educated to the abuses in nursing education by having the facts presented in a reasonable, practical way by nurses themselves, and every opportunity to speak before women's organisations should be regarded as a duty by nurses.

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Miss Jane Wilson, President of the Midwives' Institute, has been appointed a member of the Midwives' Board by the Lord President of the Privy Council and Miss Rosalind Paget has been appointed to represent the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. We welcome these appointments, because whether or not the principle of the registration of specialists is desirable, the Bill for the Registration of Midwives has now become law, and it is right that the work of its promoters should be recognised. It is always regrettable when the workers in any cause are passed over in favour of the claims of those who have stood aside till the victory is won, but who are then quite ready to come forward and reap the reward of the hard work of others.

The other members of the Midwives' Board, which is now complete, are Miss Dorothea Oldham, Dr. F. H. Champneys, Mr. J. Ward Cousins, Mr. E. Parker Young, Dr. C. J. Cullingworth, Mr. Heywood Johnstone, M.P., and Dr. William Japp Sinclair.

The Transactions of the International Congress of Nurses are now obtainable from the Hon. Secretary of the Congress, Miss Maud Banfield, Superintendent, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia. The price is 5s., exclusive of postage, and all who are interested in nursing matters should obtain this interesting volume, which affords the most complete information as to nursing organisation all over the world yet published, and it should be found on the shelves of the nurses' libraries of all training-schools.

A sale of goods left over from the Imperial Coronation Bazaar is to be held at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3rd and 4th, from two to six p.m. The matron and nurses will have two stalls, and there will be others furnished by "the Children's Salon," who are collecting money to found another cot.

As we are anxious to find out whether Miss Gale, who is charged with abandoning children entrusted to her care, has had any training as a nurse, we made

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