

Mr. J. Arch, and Dr. Iliffe, the medical officer, said Mrs. Dodd was leaving them for rest. Some of those who remained were sighing for the time when they also might lay down the shovel and hoe.

A report upon the condition of child life where children are maintained by foster-mothers in the Chorlton Union is issued by Miss Frances Zanetti, the Union inspector under the Infant Life Protection Act, and should prove of interest to district nurses. The experience of the past year strengthened the inspector's belief that most nurse children were taken in for gain, and also that the money paid for their maintenance was the chief source of income so far as the "mothers" were concerned. These cases were generally unsatisfactory, as the children did not get that necessary amount of food, and especially of milk, to which they were entitled. Such cases, in her opinion, showed the desirability of extending the existing Act to all cases where children were not brought up by their natural guardians. The complaints with regard to the cases were mostly that the dwellings were untidy, overcrowded, and unclean; that the "mothers" had too much work of other kinds to do; that they wilfully fed the children upon articles which the inspector had informed them to be detrimental to the children's health. The general conclusion of the report is that the cases of nursing for profit, even where only one child is nursed, should be open to the inspector's visits, and that the Infant Life Protection Act should be extended to secure that object.

At the last meeting of the Executive of the Citizens' Coronation Committee in Dublin it was announced that a sufficient sum had not been subscribed before the 31st ult. to comply with the terms of Sir Algernon Coote's generous offer. The sum of £718 had, however, been received in response to the appeal issued, and the Chairman stated that Sir Algernon Coote had very kindly intimated his intention of subscribing £10 for every £100 received in response to his original offer.

At a meeting of the Co. Galway Hospital Committee a scheme was adopted providing for the establishment of a training home for nurses, so as to obviate the necessity of employing nurses from Dublin and Belfast. It is proposed to spend £300 in building, &c., and the entrance fee of intending nurses is fixed at £20.

On the application of Dr. Byers, one of the professional staff in Queen's College, Belfast, in the action for breach of promise brought against him by Miss Clendinning, a professional nurse, the venue has been changed from Belfast to Dublin, as Dr. Byers is anxious that the trial should be

disposed of as soon as possible and is willing to pay any additional expense which may be incurred by the plaintiff through the change of venue.

The Nurses' Guild and Club, Charing Cross Mansions, Glasgow, was able to present a very satisfactory report at its first annual meeting last week. The Rev. Donald Macleod presided, and the Secretary stated that the income for the year amounted to £314 0s. 9d., and that there was a credit balance of £12 8s. at the close of the year. The membership of the Club is now 200, and the rooms have been largely used by the members. At first, only one bedroom was furnished, but it soon became necessary to add a second, and both have been fully occupied. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said they had had a number of exceedingly pleasant social entertainments, and they had also had special religious services. The Rev. Carnegie Simpson, in seconding the adoption of the report, said there was no bit of work he had been called upon to do which had given him more pleasure. Just because nursing was so noble and beneficent a work, it was well that the religious side should be kept in view, and he was sure this aspect of the work of the Guild was appreciated by the nurses. Dr. Elizabeth Pace emphasised the importance of the Club as a place of rest where the nurses could enjoy all the comforts of a home. We heartily wish it continued prosperity.

The Naval Nurse Corps Bill introduced into the United States Senate by Senator Gallinger, and now under the consideration of the Navy Department provides for the organisation of a nursing service in connection with the Navy, on similar lines to that attached to the Army. Dr. Anita Mc'Gee considers the Bill an excellent one, and it gives a higher standing to nurses than the Army Nurse Corps. It is to be hoped that it will not be returned to the Senate in a mutilated and unsatisfactory condition in that disappointing way Parliamentary Bills, have both at home and abroad.

Miss Brewerton, the Matron of the English Hospital, Zanzibar, who for the last six months has been at home on furlough, is now on her way back to Africa. She will receive a cordial welcome, whether in the hospital for which she has done so much, or amongst the other members of the Universities Mission, the Europeans in the town, or the natives of the island. She has won the cordial regard and respect of all alike, while it is quite impossible to estimate how much the sick owe to her care and devotion. Moreover, her unusual organising ability makes her services invaluable at the head of a hospital in a country where nothing ever happens but the unexpected.

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