

tions. The Council are responsible for ten Queen's Nurses and thirty-four probationers, of whom seventeen are training in various hospitals and seventeen in the Scottish District Training Home. During the three months five nurses entered the Home for training in district nursing, and two probationers on trial for hospital, while eight nurses completed training. One new branch was formed locally and affiliated, Holytown. Miss Cowper and Miss Ramsay, Inspectors, made sixty visits to local branches. Ten nurses resigned their appointments for various reasons. During the quarter 1,663 cases were nursed in Edinburgh from 29, Castle Terrace (432 were still on the books); 28,204 visits were paid.

The subject of the non-recognition of the certificate of the Belfast Maternity Hospital as a qualification for the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board without further examination still continues to attract attention, and the *British Medical Journal* and the *Lancet* have both commented on the matter, the feeling being that the Midwives' Board has made a mistake. However this may be, the time limit set by the Act for the recognition of any qualification for enrolment, except the certificate of the Board, after passing its examination, has now expired, so that it would appear that the situation must be accepted.

Miss F. K. Payne, the Vice-President for New Zealand of the International Council of Nurses, has again taken up the responsible post of Matron at the Wellington Hospital. Miss Payne has just spent two years at the Rotorna Sanatorium, and since her return to Wellington the beautiful new Nurses' Home, which, as will be seen from the illustration on the previous page, is quite an imposing place, has been opened. Quite recently the Victoria Hospital for Chronic Invalids has been opened in connection with the Wellington Hospital; it has room for forty patients.

The authorities of the Cherokee State Hospital find that dancing and theatrical performances have a most beneficial effect on their patients, curing some and benefiting others. All the attendants are required to be able to dance, and the women attendants dance with the male, and the men attendants with the female patients. Two of the causes frequently disposing to insanity are overwork and monotony, and in either case the relaxation afforded by amusement must be good.

A New League Journal.

We welcome the first issue of the *Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League Journal*, which is full of interesting information. A picture of the Infirmary forms the frontispiece, and on the first page is a block of the badge of the League, bearing the motto "Alterum alterius auxilia egit" (The one needs the help of the other).

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The annual meeting of Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons will be held at the College, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Thursday, July 6th, to elect four members of council in the vacancies occasioned by the retirement in rotation of Sir Henry G. Howse, Mr. Edmund Owen, and Mr. Rickman J. Godlee, and by the resignation of Sir Alfred Cooper. Sir Henry Howse does not propose to offer himself for re-election. Mr. Owen and Mr. Godlee (who both offer themselves for re-election), together with Mr. Andrew Clark, surgeon to Middlesex Hospital, Mr. C. H. Golding-Bird, surgeon to Guy's Hospital, and Mr. Harrison Cripps and Mr. Bruce Clarke, surgeons to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, complete the list of candidates. The additions to the museum during the past year will be on view in the council room on the day of the council election, and the Fellows' subscription dinner will take place at the College in the evening.

At the meeting of the weekly board of the Royal Free Hospital, Mr. Charles Burt tendered his resignation of the post of chairman, which he has held for the past ten years, and Mr. C. W. Blackman was appointed his successor. Mr. Burt still retains the post of treasurer.

The appeal for funds by Guy's Hospital has met with most generous help. Towards the £100,000 required on capital account, the response up to date is, roundly, £49,000.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the London Homoeopathic Hospital Mr. E. A. Attwood, who has been Assistant Secretary for the past twenty-two years, was appointed Secretary in succession to the late Mr. G. A. Cross.

It is claimed by the managers of Brompton Hospital for Consumptives that before anybody else they recognised in a practical way the value of unlimited fresh air and sunlight and a generally healthy life for tuberculous patients. Eighteen years ago they resolved to establish an institution where these conditions could be observed, but so many are the demands for the money of the charitable that the project has only lately been carried out. It has resulted in the Frimley Sanatorium, near Aldershot, to which members of the Royal Sanitary Institute paid a visit on Saturday last. An inspection of the place was made under the guidance of Mr. Hall, the architect.

There are fifty patients in it, but the accommodation is enough for a hundred. Beautifully situated, with pine woods, heather, and bracken all round, and with sand and gravel underneath, it seems a place where a patient with ever so little tenacity of life cannot fail to grow strong. That such is really the case, the patients seen on Saturday practically testify. One reason is that they are not allowed to brood over their complaint. Each is obliged to work in the open air as much as his strength allows, and it soon allows a deal, for the idea in the mind of the architect and his

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