

These and innumerable like cases go to prove, according to Professor Grocco, that there exists a condition of exaggerated functional excitement of one or more spheres of the nervous system, which cannot be put down to hysteria on the one side, nor to neurasthenia on the other, and for which he proposes the term neurohypersthesia.

He maintains that just as there are people with congenital neurasthenia, so there are those who even in their earliest years reveal an exaggerated nervous functioning, with singular powers of resistance, and without other morbid tendency. And that as whereas an innate insufficiency of nervous power represents a defect in the individual, the functional super-capacity of the nervous system represents an endowment—so long, of course, as it remains within physiological limits.

As regards treatment it is of extreme importance to distinguish between these two conditions, as the neurohypersthesic requires only sedatives, bromides, warm baths, and moderation in work, whilst recostituents—phosphates, strychnine, &c., with prohibition of work and enforced rest are needed for the neurasthenic.

It would be interesting to know if amongst the neurotic patients who are treated by Dr. H. Hall, with a combination of pleasant work and rest, those who benefit most are not sometimes neurohypersthesic and not neurasthenic.

M. A. TURTON.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The Winter Session of the Irish Nurses' Association will open on October 4th with the usual social gathering preceeded by a short business meeting, held in the official rooms of the Society in Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

During the past year Irish nurses have kept themselves well informed of the progress of nursing questions in the United Kingdom, and have shown admirable professional *esprit* by taking an active part in all the movements educational and political concerning trained nurses. We convey to the Association sincere congratulations and our good wishes for a successful and happy session.

The Nurses' Holiday Home.

We have pleasure in acknowledging the following subscriptions to the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton:—Mrs. Macnab £2 2s., Miss Scott £2 2s., Mrs. Walter Scott £1 1s., Miss Hadden £1 1s., Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild £1 1s. One day last week on visiting the home we found everything in apple-pie order, and a very happy house full of guests.

Report of the Select Committee on Registration of Nurses.

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FINANCE.

We have deferred to a special article the consideration of the Financial Aspect of the Registration Question in relation to the Bill promoted by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and the Report of the Select Committee on Registration, because the subject is of vital importance in any scheme for their State Registration.

THE NURSES' BILL.

The provision as to fees and expenses embodied in the Nurses' Bill is as follows:—

"There shall be payable by every candidate for examination or registration such fee as the Council may, with the approval of His Majesty's Privy Council, from time to time determine, such fee not to exceed the sum of two guineas. All fees, fines, and penalties paid or recovered under this Act shall be paid to the treasurer of the Council, and shall be devoted to the payment of expenses connected with the examination of candidates and to the general expenses of the Council, and of carrying this Act into execution. The Council shall as soon as practicable after the thirty-first day of December in each year, publish a statement made up to that date, audited and certified as correct by an accountant who shall be a member either of the Institute of Chartered Accountants or of the Incorporated Society of Accountants, showing the receipts and expenditure during the year, and also the assets and the liabilities of the Council at the aforesaid date."

THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

The Report recommends that:—

For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Central Body a small registration fee should be charged. Your Committee consider that this fee should not exceed one guinea.

It would appear from the text of the Nurses' Bill that a fee of £4 4s. in all is contemplated—i.e., two for examination and two for registration.

The Committee, however, recommend that the examinations shall be conducted on the one hand by the nurse training-schools in relation to ordinary nurses, and by the Medico-Psychological Society in relation to mental nurses; in the latter case such nurses will, of course, have to pay the Society a second guinea.

It is certain that the cost of supervision and inspection of training-schools and examinations, if conducted as suggested by the Committee, would be a most costly matter, as no doubt some 500 hospitals would claim the right to examine and certify their nurses, in connection with which there must, at least, be a half-yearly examination.

MEDICAL COMMENT.

The *British Medical Journal*, commenting on this recommendation of the Select Committee, after referring to the duties imposed on the Central Body, says:—"The Central Body would also have the duty of publishing the Register of nurses and removing the names of those who, in their opinion, have been guilty of misconduct or moral delinquency. These and other duties mentioned in the Report would create a body to superintend the education, registration, and dis-

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