

will give the nurse social status in the army, is what the American Army Nurse Corps needs, and according to the *American Journal of Nursing* must have. When that has been secured the army department will become, as it properly should, the most distinguished branch of nursing that a woman can enter.

THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF THE LEARNED PROFESSIONS.

For the first time in the history of training-schools for nurses in the State of Illinois, diplomas were conferred on nurses with the graduates of a university. This is an advance step in the right direction, making the training-school an additional department of a university. The schools of law, medicine, pharmacy, and dentistry are fitly supplemented by the school of nursing. It is quite proper that the Mercy Hospital Training-School should be the first in Chicago to attain this honour, as the Mercy Hospital is the oldest in Chicago, having been established in 1848, in connection with the Rush Medical College.

The trained nurse then is the youngest daughter of the learned professions, and may properly be assigned the youngest department of the university. The young women who are honoured by being the first to have diplomas conferred by the university have spent three years in study and practical work in the Mercy Hospital, fitting themselves to perform skilfully and faithfully the responsible duties of their noble vocation.

King Edward the Seventh's Coronation National Fund for Nurses in Ireland.

A meeting of the Council of the above Society was held at 86, Lower Leeson Street on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, P.C., H.M.L., President of the Council of Management, presided. There were also present the Right Hon. Sir Frederick Falkiner, K.C.; Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B.; Andrew Beatty, D.L.; Sir Wm. Thomson, C.B.; Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent Steevens' Hospital; Miss Balfe and Richard Dowse, Esq., B.L., Hon. Secretaries; and Miss M. E. MacDonnell, Secretary.

The Hon. Treasurers' Report for the quarter ending October 1st was received; and a direction given for the investment to add to capital of £100, a portion of the balance in current account.

Applications from eight nurses for membership were considered, and six of these were accepted.

Nurses requiring information regarding the Society are requested to apply to the Secretary, 86, Lower Leeson Street, who will be pleased to answer inquiries.

International News.

THE DANISH COUNCIL OF NURSING.

From a short notice in a foreign journal we have received the impression that the nursing work in our country is not known sufficiently in other parts of the world, and we hope that this short account of the working of our "Danish Council of Nursing," which has been written for the *Zeitschrift für Krankenpflege* by the Superintendent Nurse of the Military Hospital of Copenhagen, will prove acceptable to the readers of *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

A great change and improvement has taken place in our nursing institutions during the last few years, chiefly at the instigation of the nurses themselves, who have founded an association for the benefit and advancement of their interests.

This Association—"The Danish Council of Nursing"—is now about six years old, and possibly it might interest the readers of *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* to hear something about the development of this Society, and of the work it has been able to do.

The Association has from its very beginning been conducted by former and by active nurses, and the great importance and extension it has attained is exclusively due to these directing nurses under the leadership of their energetic and intelligent head, Mrs. Professor Tscherning (formerly a superintendent nurse).

This lady, President of the Association since October, 1899, has worked hard to bring it forward for the benefit of both nurses and patients.

Nurses can join the Society either as ordinary or as extraordinary members.

The rules of admission for ordinary members are:—The nurse must be of an age between twenty-five and forty years, and possess a three years' training at a hospital, besides conforming to the requirements as to ability and training which the Managing Committee at any time may demand.

The ordinary members wear a badge when at work—a golden four-leaved clover in red setting, with the circular inscription: "Danish Council of Nursing."

The extraordinary members are pupil nurses who have not yet attained their full training; they wear no badge.

The Managing Committee consists of seven persons, all ordinary members of the Society. Besides, there is a board of twenty-one representatives, elected by the different members among hospital nurses and private nurses that attend to their separate interests. All important matters are laid before this Board of Representatives by the Committee, and are settled by both conjointly.

The Association receives an annual Government grant of 6,000kr., and numbers about 1,000 nursing members, besides more than 200 contributing mem-

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