

of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, will take part in the discussion. Many others with expert knowledge of the three specialties to be discussed have promised, if possible, to take part in the proceedings.

### The Cookery and Food Exhibition

We would remind our readers that at the 17th Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition which is to take place at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W., from November 27th to December 1st, there is a special class (Class 3 of Section IVa.—Invalid Cookery) open only to certificated nurses. The competition is for invalid trays to contain not less than four dishes of cooked food including beef tea, one dish of fish, one light pudding, one jelly or custard, and two beverages including beef tea. The dishes will be exhibited on November 29th and 30th, and entries must be sent in before November 7th. The entrance fee is 1s. The prizes in this section are one Gold Medal, Silver Medals, Bronze Medals, Cookery Books, and Certificates of Merit. The Offices of the Exhibition are at 329 Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.

### League News.

The following ladies have been elected members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses:—Miss Emily K. Moore, Miss Emma M. Surman, Miss Louisa M. Lister, and Mrs. Wakeling (E. A. Hunter).

A Course of Lectures on Public Health and Hygiene will be given at St. Bartholomew's Hospital by Dr. Newman, D.P.H., during the ensuing winter. The Lectures will begin on Friday, 9th November, at 5.45 p.m., and will be continued weekly until the 14th December. The rest of the course will be held after Christmas. The Lectures are free to members of the League, who may obtain tickets of admission for friends on payment of 1s. per Lecture. Tickets can be had from Mrs. Matthews, Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, or from Miss E. Marcon, St. Bartholomew's Institute, 13 West Smithfield, E.C.

Professor Poirier, in delivering a lecture at the Academy of Medicine, at Paris on Tuesday, expressed regret that there were no institutions in France devoted exclusively to the study of cancer. After the lecture Dr. Henri de Rothschild sent Professor Poirier a cheque for 100,000 francs for the founding of such an institution.

### Progress of State Registration.

#### THE NURSES' PETITION.

The Petition which is being organised by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses for presentation to the Prime Minister is now ready, and may be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary, Nurses' Petition, 431, Oxford Street, W., where also signatures may at any time be appended.

Those who signed the statement in favour of State Registration of Trained Nurses which was presented to the Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1905 were gratified that their views received confirmation in the Report of the Committee presented to the House, which stated that the Committee were agreed that it is desirable that a Register of Nurses should be kept by a Central Body appointed by the State. The object of the Petition now being organised is so to focus and voice public opinion on the question of registration of nurses that the Prime Minister may be induced to introduce a Government Measure dealing with the question.

#### REGISTRATION IN AUSTRALASIA.

The value even of a system of registration carried on by a voluntary association organised on professional lines, receives striking proof in the case of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, the journal of which states that in 1899 there were bitter complaints from every side that after spending years in a hospital to obtain a certificate of proficiency in her work a nurse found that she had little better opportunity of obtaining cases than any untrained woman who might please to adopt the garb of a nurse and present herself and card at the door of a doctor's consulting room.

Now things are very different and it is confidently asserted that practically every untrained nurse in Sydney who is making a living by genuine nursing was already engaged in that work before the Association was founded. Those who join the ranks at the present time almost without exception possess the certificate of the Association. Those who have had practical experience of both conditions, find it almost impossible to believe that seven years have made so great a difference. If other evidence were needed it might well be obtained from any member of the Council who had been witness to the frantic efforts made by ineligible persons to obtain admission to the Association.

#### BELOW THE SALT.

In his address to Registered Medical Practitioners as a candidate as a Direct Representative for the General Medical Council, Mr. G. H.

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