

phere was cultivated. We wish the new work every success.

What is "nursing fright?" It was this cause that Miss Cave, Matron of the Westminster Hospital, gave to the Coroner at Stepney as the probable reason for the suicide of Miss Ethel Mary Tillett, a probationer at that hospital, who threw herself into the Thames from Blackfriars Bridge. The condition is not one of which the Matrons of hospitals have any knowledge, and surely before a probationer has become so overwhelmed with her duties as to lose her mental balance, as Miss Cave suggested, her condition would be observed by those under whose supervision she was working. In the present instance the probationer had worked for six weeks at Guy's, and for two years in a Cottage Hospital at High Wycombe, so of what was she afraid?

Miss Kelly, President of the Irish Nurses' Association, presided at the opening meeting of the Winter Session, at 86, Lower Lesson Street, Dublin, on Monday afternoon. Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, who was present, was received by the President and Members of Executive Committee, and was presented with a *corbeille* of flowers by the youngest member of the Association, Nurse Cowell, of Portobello Private Hospital, Dublin.

Miss Huxley (ex-President) presented the Report, reviewing the history of the Association, which, founded after the last visit to Ireland of the late Queen, has now 400 members, who through its means have opportunities of comparing, expanding, and expressing their ideas. The Report stated that the members desire the organisation by the State of the profession of nursing, authorising the supervision of nursing education and the control of this large body of women workers by a central expert authority.

The Countess of Aberdeen expressed her pleasure in having an opportunity of coming in contact with so great a body of women workers, and congratulated them on their Association, organised on such commendable lines.

A vote of thanks to Her Excellency for her presence was proposed by Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., and seconded by Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Vice-President, who emphasised the need for the registration of nurses, and their ability to manage their own affairs.

After the meeting a delightful reunion of the members took place, tea being served in the

dining room. About 200 members were present, including the Matrons of all the principal hospitals in the city.

It is always a pleasure to us to observe the way in which the Irish Matrons as a body are taking their rightful place as leaders in the movement for the organisation of their profession. It is regrettable that so many Matrons in this country appear to be lacking in courage to adopt a similar position, and remain in the rear when they should be in the van of progress.

Miss Huxley and Miss Bradshaw are both original Councillors of the International Council of Nurses, and Miss Huxley is one of those who is helping to make the arrangements for the International Nursing Conference in Paris next year, and is keenly interested in its success. No doubt there will be a strong Irish contingent as there was at Berlin in 1904.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the following to be "Queen's Nurses," to date October 1st, 1906.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Collingwood-Greenwood, Florence; Watson, Elizabeth Nichol; Dack, Laura; Jackson, Edith Mary Elizabeth; Jones, Frances Louise; Pitts-Smith, Ethel Mary; Kimmish, Clara Beatrice; Byerley, Margaret Ada; Elwin, Rosa Isabel; Hunt, Kate; Marson, Nellie; Boyd, Elizabeth Murray Thomson; Fowler, Minnie Alice; Bowen, Letitia; Owen, Elizabeth; Lambert, Sarah Jane; Lloyd, Mabel Jane; Jones, Jane Mary; Bridgeman, Eleanor; Holmes, Bertha; Jones, Laura; Keegan, Mary Agnes; Rawcliffe, Alice; Gaudie, Maria Julia; Cretney, Margaret Jane; Jones, Margaret Elizabeth; Allen, Elizabeth; Susmann, Florence; Hensman, Mary; Roberts, Edith Kate; Garner, Ada Annie; Budd, Lilly; Du Boulay, Hilary Houssemayne; Horsley, Dorothy; Jones, Eleanor; Wallis, Mary Elizabeth; Corbould, Beatrice Roberson; Morris, Edith Alice; Anderson, Ella Geraldine.

SCOTLAND.

Beattie, Isabella Shields; Dewar, Isabella Cromarty; Fletcher, Marion Macphail; Ladbrooke, Deborah Anne; Logie, Helen Stuart; MacBean, Jessie; Maccormick, Annabel Campbell; MacIntosh, Jane; MacQuarrie, Catherine.

IRELAND.

Kavanagh, Ellen Mary; Hewitt, Emily Gertrude; Newton, Ellen; Park, Agnes Mary; Wherry, Annie.

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