

## The New Wing of the Leicester Infirmary.

Great interest centred round the visit of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, accompanied by the Duke of Argyll, to Leicester, on Tuesday last, to open the new wing of the Infirmary, and her Royal Highness had a great ovation. The Princess also opened the Three Days' Bazaar in aid of Sir Edward Wood's Fund for the erection of a new Nurses' Home, for which the Leicester Nurses' League has been working so hard. Miss G. A. Rogers, Lady Superintendent, President of the Bazaar Committee, and all who have helped to make it a success, are greatly to be congratulated on the results. The League organised no less than six stalls, which did a great trade in dainty basket work, plain and fancy work, and foreign goods. There was a produce stall, which was very popular. The refreshment stall did brisk business, and a stall which attracted great attention was the one stocked by past and present patients and their friends. The League must have had its hands full in organising these six stalls. The Town stall, the County stall, and the Flower and Fruit stall attracted large numbers of purchasers, and the kiosks did a great trade in perfumery, cigars and cigarettes, and sweets.

The Souvenir Handbook, of which there was a guaranteed issue of 10,000, was edited by Miss Rogers, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Harry Johnson, and is a delightful memento of the occasion. Amongst other matters of interest it contains a charming Foreword describing the development of the Nursing Work in the Infirmary from 1874 to the foundation of the League in 1903.

## The Status of Metropolitan Asylums Board Matrons.

From all parts of the United Kingdom protests are being forwarded by trained nurses to the President of the Local Government Board against the sanction by that Department of the proposed new Order of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. The Legal Committee of the Women's Industrial Council have also realised the importance of taking action, and have written to the Local Government Board asking them not to sanction the lowering of the status of women officials under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board. The General Purposes Committee of the Asylums Board have under consideration a reply to the letter addressed to the Chairman of the Board by the Matrons' Council.

## Irish Nurses' Association.

A lecture was given on Wednesday last week at the Association Rooms, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, by W. J. de C. Wheeler, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.I., Visiting Surgeon to Mercer's Hospital, who gave an interesting and detailed description of several cases, which had come under his notice, within the past few months. He spoke for a short time on Tetanus, its cause, symptoms, and treatment, and also on several cases of Tuberculosis.

Mrs. Kildare Treacy, President, addressed a few words to the members on the Bye-law recently passed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board, degrading the position of its Matrons, and alluded to the Resolutions, protesting against same Bye-law, passed at the meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association on Oct. 8th.

### THE ULSTER BRANCH.

A meeting was held under the auspices of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association on Wednesday, 30th October, at the Deaf and Dumb Mission Hall, Belfast, at which her Excellency Lady Aberdeen gave an account of the aims and objects of the Women's National Health Association of Ireland. There were over a hundred and twenty nurses present. Lady Aberdeen urged her hearers to take an active share in the work of the National Health Association, and suggested that some might offer their services as cicerones in the Tuberculosis Exhibition which is to visit Belfast in the middle of November. Several nurses gave in their names as willing to do this.

An emergency meeting was then held, at which a resolution was proposed by the President, Lady Hermione Blackwood, and seconded by Miss Newman, Matron of the Incorporated Nurses' Home, Belfast, regretting the recent action of the M.A.B. in proposing to alter the position of their Matrons from first to second class officers. The resolution was unanimously passed, and has been forwarded to the President of the Local Government Board, London.

The President was able to announce at this meeting that a club room had now been taken for the members of the Branch. It is hoped that it will be ready to be opened about the 17th November. It is in a very central position in Belfast, namely, in Crane's Buildings, Donegall Square. A lady Secretary will be in constant attendance. Letters and parcels can be deposited there, tea will be served, writing accommodation and newspapers will be provided. Members of the Association visiting Belfast from any part of Ireland will be free to use the Club.

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