

her engagement, enter into any other employment except with the consent of the committee, and that the agreement now signed by the nurses should be altered in order to prohibit them, under a penalty of fifteen pounds, from working in any district affiliated to the Derby County Nursing Association, within three years of the termination of their engagement. The resolution was approved, and it was decided to submit it as a recommendation to the Annual Conference of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute.

The dangers to which the public employing private nurses are subjected are exemplified by the advertisements which appear frequently in the lay nursing press, and which illustrate the insufficient standards maintained by associations preserving their anonymity by directing replies to the sent to the offices of the Journal inserting the advertisement.

Here is a specimen advertisement:—

"Six nurses wanted for private nursing. One year's general or two years' fever essential. Salary £26 and uniform."

The advertiser omits to say whether a charge of £2 2s. a week and upwards is made to a credulous public for the services of these partially and insufficiently trained nurses. It is high time that the State stepped in and differentiated between the skilled and the unskilled worker. It is small wonder that in the present chaos so many complaints are heard of the inefficiency as well as not infrequently of the actual unkindness of nurses. But the public has the remedy in its own hands. When it demands that in law the term trained nurse shall have a definite meaning it will have this protection. At present the term may mean anything from a nurse who is certificated by a maternity hospital at the end of six weeks, to one who has passed through the training school of a large general hospital and gains her certificate after examination at the end of four years' work.

The Reports of the Irish Nurses' Association and the Irish Matrons' Association, which have just been issued under one cover for the year ending March, 1908, bear evidence of the large amount of work which has been accomplished by these energetic Societies. The Report of the I.N.A. states that ample reasons have been afforded for its existence as a centre for union and discussion, for educational purposes, and for the protection and defence of nursing interests.

## Scottish National Exhibition.

### NURSING SECTION

There has been erected near the Gorgie entrance of the Exhibition, by Messrs. Spiers, Glasgow, one of their Composite Iron and Wood Model Hospitals, a pretty one storey building, containing two wards 24 feet by 24 feet, with sanitary annexes, nurses' duty room, and kitchen. The Nursing Section of the Women's Section of the Exhibition have the use of this building for their exhibits, which will consist of all the most modern nursing appliances, beds, furniture, etc., together with original inventions from nurses, of which some very ingenious ones have been received, though not so many as might have been expected, special and original appliances in use in the various Edinburgh Hospitals, plans, photos, drawings, and prints of the different institutions, showing their respective development and resources, a large exhibit of appliances used by the Q.V.J. Institute of Nurses (Scottish Branch) in their work, a case of dolls in the distinctive uniforms of the Edinburgh and Leith Hospitals, etc., etc.

The Sanitary Annexes have been fitted up by the well-known firm of Shanks, and one of the small rooms in which sterilisers are to be shown, has also been fitted up by them with the latest things in fireproof shelves, glass shelves, rails, etc. The leading Edinburgh firms of instrument makers (Gardner, Young, Medical Supply Association) are contributing to the success of the Nursing Section by sending large and varied exhibits; the Blind Asylum sends an exhibit of Taunton's beds, etc.; James Gray and Sons, ironmongers, send a fascinating exhibit of various little conveniences, while other firms, both Scotch and English, send articles of nursing interest.

A course of weekly lectures and demonstrations on Home Nursing has been arranged for, to be given during the months of June, July, August, and September, by qualified lecturers. They will be delivered in a small Lecture Hall not far from the Hospital. Altogether it is hoped that the Nursing Exhibit may prove a great source of interest to nurses and those interested in nursing.

The Nursing Section has been organised by a professional Nursing Committee, of which Miss M. Guy, Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital for Consumption, Craighleith, Edinburgh, has acted as Hon. Secretary, and any nurse who has not yet sent in her invention should do so without delay.

The Opening Ceremony by Prince Arthur of Connaught takes place on Friday, May 1st.

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