

*Pacific Coast.* Amongst the toasts was "Our Journal," coupled with the name of Miss Cooke. The lines printed on the programme in connection with this toast were:

"Oh! but it takes aghty,  
Combined with versatility;  
To run a nurses' journal  
With appropriate ability."

They will be heartily endorsed by the editors of all professional nurses' journals. Before the close of the Session Miss Cooke was honoured by being voted an Hon. Member of the State Association.

An interesting account is given in *Una*, the organ of the Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, of the Talbot Colony for Epileptics at Clayton, on a beautiful site overlooking the Dandenong Hills. Accommodation is provided for 50 colonists, and has been eagerly applied for; 35 are at present in residence, and the rest of the beds will be filled as soon as possible and expedient.

The Council are receiving great encouragement in their work, and although these are early days yet, much improvement is to be noted in the general health and contentment of the colonists, many of whom when admitted were in a pitiable condition both of mind and body. Their minds are now being exercised and their bodies occupied; the occupation provided gives brightness and happiness to their lives, to which before they were strangers. The women do the housework, the laundry, and a taste in gardening is being awakened; the men farm work, and it is gratifying to see the increasing interest and pride they are beginning to take in the place. The care of epileptics is a branch of their work with which many nurses are unacquainted, but nevertheless, it is most necessary and interesting.

### Invalid Cookery Competition.

At the nineteenth Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition which is to be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, from November 3rd to 7th, Section III. is devoted to Invalid Cookery. Entries for this section must be sent in before October 12th. The entrance fee is 1s., and the dishes will be exhibited on November 5th and 6th. Class 36 is a special one open only to certificated nurses, the exhibit to comprise an invalid's tray, containing a dish of fish or meat, a light pudding, jelly, or custard, and two beverages, including beef tea. Silver and Bronze Medals, Cookery Books, and Certificates of Merit will be awarded as prizes in this section. We hope there will be many entries.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein paid a surprise visit to the East Cowes Cottage Hospital (Frank James Memorial Home) last week. Their Royal Highnesses, who were received by the Matron, Miss M. Nelson Scott, and conducted through the wards, were particularly interested in the new ward which has recently been prepared for the reception of women patients, an improvement entirely due to the initiative of Princess Henry, who is president of the institution.

The First International Moral Education Congress, to be held at the University of London from September 25th to 29th, promises to be both an interesting and important gathering. The Education Ministers of Belgium, England, France, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Roumania, Russia and Spain are all patrons, besides the Ministers and Directors of Education in many British Colonies. The President is Professor Michael E. Sadler, LL.D., M.A., and the General Secretary Mr. Gustav Spiller 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

Commercial and other vocational schools there are all over the world, but only in Japanese commercial colleges is a course in systematic ethics provided for. This question of the moral training of the future bread-winner is going to be discussed rather exhaustively at the Moral Education Congress. To begin with, there will be a series of papers on continuation schools, written by distinguished persons, among whom are Professor Michael Sadler, of the University of Manchester, who has recently published a large work on the subject of Continuation Schools; Herr Haese, the director of the famous Continuation Schools of the town of Charlottenburg; and Dr. Paton, of Nottingham whose interest in the topic is well known. In addition, there will be a paper by Dr. J. Lewy, of Berlin, on "Business Ethics." Lastly two papers deal with "Moral Education in Commercial Schools," the one by Dr. Czettler, of Budapest, and the other by Rev. Canon F. von Caenegeur, Director of the Higher Commercial and Consular School of Mons, in Belgium. Especially since the time of Ruskin the feeling has been growing that the mission of the professional and the business man is one of high importance to the community, and that he should be above all things a man of character. But little has been done hitherto to emphasise this in schools. Details with regard to the Congress may be obtained by writing to the offices, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, London.

The patients of the West of England Eye Infirmary were entertained on the 12th inst. to a bounteous tea and concert to celebrate the centenary of the institution, the funds being con-

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