

suggests that steps should be taken to render it illegal to do so." The Irish Matrons' Association "works for a uniform system of Education and Training for Nurses," and meets to discuss matters of professional interest.

We are glad to know that that admirable institution, the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, 27, Upper Baggot Street, is in so flourishing a financial condition—as shown from the report presented at the recent thirtieth annual meeting.

Mr. W. I. de C. Wheeler, F.R.C.S.I., Chairman, in reviewing the progress of the Institution since its foundation, said the history of the Institution was one of progressive success. It is now, as always, in a position of self-supporting independence. The finances are untrammelled by hospital or other charitable charges, and under the articles of association there are no directors' fees, and no dividend is payable to the shareholders. In this way all the money earned by the nurses is payable to the nurses themselves. For some years, in addition to salaries, the directors have been in a position to pay a bonus to the nurses out of profits. The bonus this year, together with special fees, amounted to £486, in which distribution every nurse participated. These figures do not include grants from an accumulated fund known as "The Pension Fund." From this £126 was awarded by the trustees on the recommendation of the Board to nurses of long and meritorious service, and to those who had contracted illness or were otherwise deserving of special consideration. This sum, with the bonus and special fees, amount to £610, and is in addition to ordinary salary. The City of Dublin Nursing Institution has always been a supporter of State Registration, which would provide a statutory "Hall Mark" for trained nurses, and so enable the public to discriminate between them and probationers and other partially trained women, in whose charge, under present conditions, patients are frequently placed. The policy of the institution is to train and find employment for Irish nurses, and to use its influence in discouraging any system of sweating likely to deprive them of the remuneration to which they are justly entitled.

Founded on such just principles, the Institution deserves every success, and we hope it has a bright future before it.

John Hoole, a patient at the Union Infirmary, Blackburn, was sent to prison for a month last week for assaulting Miss Isabella Hunt, one of the nurses.

LEAGUE NEWS.

We always look forward to the issue of the League journals, and thus to learn much of what the affiliated societies of the National Council are doing. The Royal Free Hospital Nurses League is editorially advised to study the Nurses' Registration Bill, as "everything that is most worth having has to be fought for . . . lethargy and indifference on the part of the workers themselves is an unforgivable crime, when it is a question of the future welfare of the sick, as well as the economic conditions of the profession." The Bill is therefore printed *in extenso*, so that there shall be no excuse for ignorance. Very interesting letters are inserted from the Matron of the second Scuola Convitto Regina Elena (founded at Florence) to which a visit from Sister Agnes Karll is recorded. Miss Rosa Law writes from Florida, and mentions "last year we got the State Registration Bill passed, and a State and County Nursing Association formed." The fact that if the nursing profession is to be solid and successful, the nurses must be willing to give financial support is noted. Miss Law writes: "they make no bones about getting money here, if any is needed for anything they just make an assessment of the amount needed and get it." Quite right too.

The League now numbers 137 members and has, therefore, quite justified its existence in three years' time.

A SUMMER CAMP FOR NURSES. NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

At the little seaside village of Sandsend on the Yorkshire coast there has been gathered quite recently a party which has become known in the village as "the party with smiling faces and muddy shoes." It has numbered forty in all, the majority being present for the whole fortnight, while a few came for a week only. And who are they? With the exception of seven they are all members of the nursing profession, either still in training or in district or private work. Twenty-three training schools are represented, and though the large majority were members of the Nurses' Missionary League before coming, some were not connected with the League at the beginning of the Camp, but all have now joined it.

"The Camp" be it noted is not under canvas. The members are housed in a red-roofed house, five minutes from the sea, and on the border of the beautiful Mulgrave Woods, to which, by the kindness of the Marquis of Normanby, campers have free access. Beauties of nature, of trees, and ferns and flowers, of wide expanse of sea and sand and cliff, are around on every side, while at a short distance away is Whitby, with its picturesque old fishermen's houses and fine ruined Abbey.

The "Camp" is by no means a formal gathering. Hats and gloves have long been discarded; bathing and paddling are thoroughly enjoyed in the morning, while three ubiquitous cameras are

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