

atmospheric germs; the danger lay in contact with soiled hands and dirty instruments.

The prizes were then presented as follows:—

*Prizes provided by Smalley Bequest.*—1, Miss Margaret Robinson; 2, Miss Grace Head; 3, Miss Daisey Baker.

*Leonard Marshall Prizes.*—1, Miss Emily Eppy; 2, Miss Bertha Beecroft; 3, Miss Norah Clark.

*Medical Superintendent's Prize* (for the first year's work).—Miss Jennie Darien.

The Matron, Miss A. E. Little, thanked one and all for their presence, and Sir Frederick Eve for his address, which all the nurses greatly appreciated.

The Committee of the Burton-on-Trent Nursing Institution report that during the past year the district staff of six nurses has been fully employed. Owing to the special calls for war hospitals, &c., it has not been possible to keep up the private nursing staff to the usual number for which there has been a constant demand, and it has been necessary to refuse a number of cases. To attract more nurses it has become necessary to follow the plan adopted in similar institutions elsewhere, and offer a bonus for division among them, based on the total annual fees received.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman J. T. Richards, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presided at the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Cardiff and District Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at the City Hall on April 15th. The report showed that 80,409 visits had been paid during the year. The value of the work of the nurses was emphasised by the Hon. V. Douglas-Pennant, of the National Health Insurance (Wales), who said that it was to such institutions as this that the Insurance Commissioners looked for aid in the prevention of phthisis.

On Tuesday, April 13th, at the rooms of the Association of Irish Nurses, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, the last lecture of the session was delivered by Dr. Mabel Crawford. The subject, "Burns and Frostbite," proved exceedingly interesting, and at the close of the lecture Miss Ramsden proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Crawford, which was passed with applause. The next Executive Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at 8 p.m. It is open to all members who wish to attend.

We propose to defer our remarks on the "Bulau" incident until next week.

## THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PROFESSION OF MASSAGE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I should esteem it a favour if you could find space in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for the accompanying correspondence between the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses and Miss Bedingfield and myself. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, yours truly,

I. M. SCAMELL.

### MEMBERS RESIGN.

School of Massage and Swedish Remedial Exercises,

55, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, S.W.,  
March 15th, 1915.

To the Chairman of the I.S.T.M.

MADAM,—I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the I.S.T.M., being out of sympathy with the present methods and management of the Society.

I expressed this disapproval in January, 1914, by declining to allow my name to stand for re-election to the Council, on which I had served for many years, and for four or five years as Vice-Chairman.

The following is a brief *résumé* of the actions of the Council of the I.S.T.M. which have led up to my present decision:—

1. On account of the change in the exemption rules for the first Teachers' Diploma Examination, which, in the November, 1912, issue of *Nursing Notes* read:—"These two courses are not compulsory for candidates holding a certificate for remedial work recognised by the Government of Sweden . . ." and which in the December issue of that paper was changed to:—"These two courses are not compulsory for candidates holding a certificate for remedial work granted by schools recognised by the Government of Sweden . . ."—this change not having been authorised by the Council of which I was a member, and which favoured candidates holding one-year certificates from Dr. Arvedson's Institute—a certificate not recognised by the Government of Sweden. (Reference to the Minutes of the Society proved that the notice in the November, 1912, issue of *Nursing Notes* was correct as passed by Council.)

2. On account of the treatment of our students by the Society, who, after our school had been approved in the matter of entry for the S.R.E. examination in July 1914, were refused entry to that examination when half through their training—and this without a reason being given in nine different letters from the Society's solicitors in reply to many applications.

3. On account of the Society's action in passing a resolution on September 18th, 1914, removing the names of my partner, Miss Bedingfield, and myself from the "roll of certificate-holders and members of the Society" without a reason or

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