

A LITTLE BIT OF SUGAR.

We hope we shall not be accused of undue vanity if we reprint the following paragraph from the "Foreign Department" of the *American Journal of Nursing*, in charge of Lavinia L. Dock, R.N.; but to have struggled for the past thirty years for professional ideals in an antagonistic and reactionary atmosphere at home, makes the appreciation we have always received abroad doubly sweet. It has been the "spirit" which has sustained the "Dynamos" and made the wheels go round.

OUR DEAR DYNAMOS.

For many years we have been in the habit of calling Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Margaret Breay affectionately, the "Dynamos," because of their unceasing and untiring energy in all the manifold crises met with in the process of conducting a weekly nursing journal, which is also an organ of the most vital propaganda—really a watch tower quite as much as a brilliantly-edited magazine. The chief lady dynamo, Mrs. Fenwick, has completed, on the first of April past, her fortieth year of professional work, sixteen of which she spent in varied pieces of active nursing, including the matronship in one of England's most famous hospitals, St. Bartholomew's, where she laid the foundation of the modern democratic, educational, enlightened discipline of training-schools as against the older autocratic, repressive methods; while her last twenty-four years of the most intense and unremitting labours for the advanced education and organisation of nurses in self-governing professional bodies, with the attainment of State regulation of nurses' training as the goal, have been given their special fire and fervour by the necessity of combating the most solid, determined and obstinate hostility to the economic progress of women that has been encountered by any nurses in any otherwise progressive country. We do not, of course, here consider those countries which are distinctly unprogressive as regards women. In these forty years, Mrs. Fenwick has seen her ideals supported and developed in many countries, and these proofs of their merit have given her courage and joy even though "State registration still hangs in the balance" in Great Britain.

A marvellous, self-renewing spring of energy has been hers. She writes: "It has been splendid to have been given health and strength, energy and spirit, to keep the cause alive for all these years, and to realise that victory is at hand." Not only on these well-known lines, but in myriad ways of civic and war work is she now busy.

Twenty-five teaching Sisters from Roman Catholic convents in Ontario are taking a special course in agriculture at Guelph College. This is a fine example to thousands of idle young Society women in England.

THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

The first of the three yearly elections of the Irish Nursing Board was held in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, on July 4th. The voting was by postal ballot, and 38 nurses had been nominated to fill 22 vacancies.

The following 22 names received the largest number of votes, and were duly declared elected:—

- Miss E. T. Bacon, St. Vincent's Hospital.
- " L. Bradburne, The Meath Hospital.
- Hon. A. L. Brodrick, Caher Daniel, co. Kerry.
- Miss T. Doorly, 9, Blackhall Place.
- " E. Hezlett, Richmond Hospital.
- " J. Hughes, Temple Hill Hosp., Blackrock.
- " M. Huxley, Elpis, Lower Mount Street.
- " J. Jordan, Mercer's Hospital.
- " K. Kearns, 29, Gardiner's Place.
- " M. A. Keating, National Maternity Hosp.
- " N. McArdle, Castle Red Cross Hospital.
- Mrs. F. Manning, Elpis, Lower Mount Street.
- Miss G. O'Donel, 24, Eccles Street.
- " M. O'Flynn, Children's Hosp., Temple St.
- " A. M. Phillips, Dr. Steevens Hospital.
- " C. Pike, 38, Ranelagh Road.
- " A. Carson Rae, 34, St. Stephen's Green.
- " L. Ramsden, Rotunda Hospital.
- " A. Reeves, Royal Victoria Hospital.
- " A. S. Rhind, Cork Street Fever Hospital.
- " E. Sutton, St. Vincent's Hospital.
- " M. Thornton, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

A Meeting of the Irish Nursing Board was held in the Royal College of Surgeons on July 12th, to elect the Committee.

We learn that certificated Irish Nurses are supporting this movement for the improvement of their professional education and status in a very satisfactory manner, and many intend to register as soon as they have completed their three years' training and have obtained their Certificates.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Iford Maternity Home.—Miss Edith Waring has been appointed Matron. She held the position of Ward Sister at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

St. Mary, Islington, Infirmary, Highgate Hill, N. 19.—Miss Jean McKenzie has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Toxteth Infirmary, Liverpool, where she was afterward ward and theatre Sister. She has also been Night Sister at the Mile End Military Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Westminster Infirmary, Hendon. She has also had experience of District Nursing as a Queen's nurse.

SISTER.

General Hospital, Northampton.—Miss Annie Askew has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Workhouse Infirmary, Portsmouth, and has been Staff Nurse at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, and Sister at the Birmingham Midland and Eye Hospital.

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