

being made by Lady O'Hagan. Miss Pigott will shortly take up her duties as Matron of the Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

The Spring Course of Educational Lectures will commence on Monday next, February 4th. All particulars may be obtained from the Office.

In reporting the discussion on Mrs. Gray's Paper on "Private Nursing," the speech attributed to Mrs. Walker was made by Miss Annie E. Preedy, M.R.B.N.A.

Miss Van der Ben begs all Members will assist her efforts to secure votes for the next Election for the Royal Hospital for Incurables. Cards for distribution can be obtained from the Office.

ALICE RAVENHILL *Secretary of the Corporation.*

Nursing Echoes.

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WE observe with pleasure an increased number of thoroughly trained Irish Nurses are availing themselves of the benefit of Registration, and we hope that those who have already appreciated the necessity for professional co-operation will influence their colleagues to give their support to the Royal British Nurses' Association, and thus help to strengthen the Association

and enable it to carry out its great work on a national basis.

MISS GIBSON, the Matron of the Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary, has consented to read a Paper, entitled "Nursing in Workhouses and Workhouse Infirmaryes," at the Central Poor Law Conference to be held in London on February the 12th.

WE are glad to observe that Dr. WILLIAMS gave notice at a recent meeting of the Preston Board of Guardians, that at the next meeting he would move, that a Committee of Inquiry be appointed to consider the Nursing arrangements at the Workhouse Infirmary, to bring about their improvement; and he would move his resolution with a view to the entire abolition of Pauper Nursing, which was a curse. We heartily agree with Dr. WILLIAMS, and wish him all success in his crusade against this remnant of barbarism in State-supported Institutions.

THE Nursing of Isolation Hospitals in the country is exercising the minds of Boards of Guardians and Medical Officers of Health; and the question is doubtless one of grave importance. In country districts there is often accommodation for from 20 to 30 patients in these Institutions, and not infrequently the wards are empty. The solution, therefore, of how to keep them efficiently staffed, without waste of public money, is a difficult one.

WE lately received a report from a Nurse who had been working for some weeks in such an Institution. In the wards, cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria were mixed indiscriminately, and no Nursing of any kind was provided. The officers of the Hospital were the medical officer of health, who resided several miles away, and who paid fortnightly visits to the Institution; and a porter and his wife, who resided in the lodge, and who locked the patients in the Hospital before retiring to rest. The woman was scrubber, cook, general servant, and Nurse, dieted the patients, and ordered them up when she considered them convalescent. The trained Nurse from whom we received our report unfortunately contracted diphtheria in the Hospital, and was ordered to bed in the same ward with a peeling case of scarlet fever; she, however, resolutely refused to comply with this suggestion and made a good recovery.

AS matters stand now, either an adequate and expensive Nursing Staff must be maintained to cope with epidemics, or if the scrubber superintendent is retained, sad must be the result at times of abnormal sickness. We hear that Dr. LOVELL DRAGE is interesting himself in the solution of this difficulty in rural Fever Hospitals, and we feel sure he will confer a national benefit if he can arrive at a satisfactory conclusion, and suggest some system whereby the Committees of Isolation Hospitals can obtain the services of thoroughly qualified fever Nurses when needed.

A VALUED correspondent sends us the following graphic account of a visit to the Royal Infirmary at Liverpool:—

"Show you the 'Firmary? Yes, Miss, and right welcome. 'Ope you're not a patient—not as they won't look after you, Miss. Many's the time me and Tom's bin there. And the theayter and the chapel and the beef-tea's just lovely!" So I walked along with my cheery guide, modifying my pace to the necessities of her short asthmatic breath, and rather mystified as to her praises of the "theayter," reflecting that this was not generally remembered by patients as associated with joyous memories. But I sought no enlightenment as we passed on till the gates of the Infirmary were reached, and she handed over all responsibilities of future guidance to the gold-laced

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