

some inquiries at the Marylebone Police Station. From thence we were directed to the Marylebone Police Court, at which Miss Gale appeared on Tuesday morning, but where nothing was known as to her nursing credentials, except that she had a brass plate on her door announcing that her house was a nursing home. We were told, however, that Inspector Parsons, at the Albany Street Police Station, who had charge of the case, would probably be able to afford further information, but on proceeding to Albany Street we found the Inspector out, so we are still in the dark as to the professional career of Miss Gale. This is typical of the difficulty experienced in ascertaining whether a woman is a trained nurse or not. In each instance we met with the greatest civility from the police, who quite realised the injury done to trained nurses by those who pose as members of a profession to which they do not belong, but the fact remains that as no register of trained nurses exists, all sorts and conditions of women are able to pose as nurses.

The lectures to nurses at the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, for the winter session have now begun. The series comprises twelve lectures on Anatomy by Mr. Cecil H. Leaf, twelve lectures on Surgery by Mr. W. Ernest Miles, and twelve lectures on Nursing and Bandaging by Dr. English.

At a recent meeting of the Executive of the Citizens' Coronation Committee held recently in Dublin, at which Mr. Vere Ward Brown, J.P., presided, he reported that the King's Coronation National Fund for Nurses now amounted to £3,339 14s. 2d. A letter was read from Sir Algernon Coote, Bart., H.M.L., kindly offering to give a further donation of £100 to the "Coronation Fund for Nurses" if £900 more can be raised by December 31st next, or to give £145 (in addition to his previous donation of £105, which would make his total contribution £250) if the Fund can be raised to £5,000 by December 31st. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Sir Algernon Coote for his generous offer, and it was decided that a special appeal be made to the public to help to make up this amount of £5,000 within the time fixed.

A sympathetic letter was read from Mrs. Brown, 8, Merrion Square, expressing deep interest in the Fund and enclosing cheque for £110—£100 from Miss Mary Blount and £10 from herself. These donations under the rules will qualify Miss Mary Blount to be a life vice-president and Mrs. Brown to be a life governor of the institution. A letter was also read from Mr. Robert Mackay Wilson, J.P., enclosing cheque for £50 from Mrs. Wilson and himself.

A letter was read from Mrs. Reed, Duncreggan, Londonderry, stating that she is organising a com-

mittee of ladies to co-operate with the Coronation Committee in Dublin in furtherance of the movement, and that two ladies had consented to act as Hon. Secretaries of the Derry Committee, viz., Mrs. Cooke, Ashbrook, and Mrs. George Gilliland, Brook Hall; Mrs. Watt, Thornhill, Miss Murphy (Superintendent of District Nurses, Derry), and several other ladies had consented to act on this Committee. It was resolved that letters of thanks be written to Mrs. Brown, Miss Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Mackay Wilson, and Mrs. Reed for their generous support of the Fund.

It was reported to the Committee that a meeting of the nurses of the Dublin hospitals and institutions was held at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital on the 7th inst. Over 180 nurses attended. The following lady superintendents of hospitals, &c., were present:—Mrs. Treacy, Mrs. Manning, the Misses Kelly, Hampson, MacDonnell, Bradshaw, Haughton, Lamont, Fullager, Webb, Fitzpatrick, Shuter, Wall, and Lyons. Miss Kelly (Steevens' Hospital) was voted to the chair. Miss Hampson and other ladies present addressed the meeting on the subject of the Coronation National Fund for Nurses. The proceedings were most cordial and successful, and all were unanimous in highly approving of the movement, and in resolving to further its success in every way in their power.

The Committee have been greatly encouraged by this extension of the interest in the Fund shown by the nurses themselves, and by influential persons in and around Dublin, and in the North of Ireland, and trust that the friends of such a good cause who have not hitherto subscribed will now come forward and help.

It is understood that the Matrons and nurses have made recommendations and suggestions to the Executive Committee, which are still under consideration.

The Visiting Governor's report, which was presented at a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin, of which institution Miss Louisa Bradshaw is Lady Superintendent, shows that this most admirable institution is being maintained in a state of thorough efficiency. The sanitary condition of the premises is reported as most satisfactory, and the Visiting Governor was able to state that he found the atmospheric purity of the apartments appropriated to cases of cancer, consumption, and other chronic diseases left nothing to be desired. Every precaution was taken, as far as he could judge, to increase the comfort of the patients, and the medical and nursing staffs are complimented on their exemplary energy and skill, and upon the

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