

the comfort of their nurses, not only in their time of training, but also when sickness and old age overtook them, and also the establishment of well-trained nurses for the tending of their poorer sisters in all our Scottish towns, villages, and islands.

The Irish Nurses' Association, on the occasion of the recent visit to Dublin of Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, gave an At Home, when members and their friends had the opportunity of meeting Miss Hughes and of listening to an address from her on "Co-operation." Miss Hampson, President of the Association, presided over a large and representative gathering.

Miss Hughes also spoke at some length on the question of State Registration of Nurses, and said that it seemed likely that a Bill providing for such registration would be carried by the present Parliament. It was, she said, essential that a General Council should be formed, representative of the interests of the nursing world, which should be charged with the government of the nursing profession. We cannot, she said, accept any Bill which does not provide for a representative Council, which shall have power of satisfactory and intelligent examination of those nurses who wish to earn the proud distinction of being Registered Nurses.

With the first issue of the present year the *Australasian Nurses' Journal* enters on its second year of existence as a monthly publication. The past year has seen the completion of the arrangements of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, of which the Journal is the organ, for the holding of uniform examinations for nurses, a piece of work upon which the Association is heartily to be congratulated. To have passed the final examination of the Association will, after June of the present year, be a necessary qualification for membership. It will be held bi-annually, and simultaneously in centres appointed in each State, and will be conducted by Examiners appointed by the Council. The papers will be set and examined by the Central Examining Board, being sent sealed to the various centres, where at the appointed time the seals will be broken and the papers given out. The practical examination will be conducted by a Matron and a medical practitioner, assisted by a third member, who is a representative of the Council. Candidates will be examined in general, medical, and surgical nursing, in

hygiene and invalid cookery. They may be exempted from the examination in invalid cookery if they produce proof of having already passed a satisfactory examination in the subject.

The nurses of the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, have recently received their hospital prizes and certificates.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Prize given by Dr. Moffat, Nurse Dickenson. Passed, Nurses Ingram, Tyars, Cockcroft, Hall, Aschman, Kingon.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Prize given by Mr. Beard, Nurse Lyamore. Passed, Nurses Carson, King, Le Roux, Wiggins, Donnelly.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Silver Medal given by Mr. Ardery. Nurse Hartman.

Special Prize given by Dr. Lester, Nurse Roberts.

Special Prize given by Dr. Fuller, Nurse Macaskill.

Passed, Nurse Leonard.

*Passed the Examination of the Colonial Medical Board:—*

Nurses Hearne, Roberts, and Leonard.

The certificates and prizes were presented by Mr. Beard, Chairman of the Hospital Board, who gave a short address to the nurses, urging them to maintain their professional *esprit de corps*. Several members of the Visiting Staff and of the Hospital Board were present.

### Lectures to Midwives.

Under the auspices of the London County Council classes for midwives have been reopened at the following centres:—Ambler Road, Blackstock Road, Finsbury, lecturer, Dr. Somerville, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Bonneville Road, Clapham Park, S.W., Dr. Sutherland, Mondays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. "Foxhill," Plumstead Common Road, S.E., Dr. Somerville, Fridays, 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. "Latchmere," Battersea Park Road, S.W., Dr. Frazer Nash, Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. "Victoria," Becklow Road, Shepherd's Bush, W., Dr. Roche, Mondays, 7 to 9. White Lion Street, Pentonville, N., Dr. Roche, Thursdays, 7 to 9. The fee for the course of thirteen lectures, which have already begun, is 1s. District monthly nurses, as well as midwives, will be admitted. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, Dacre House, Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, S.W.

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