

## Nursing Echoes.

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Of much interest to nurses, especially to those concerned in school and district nursing, is the announcement of an important new move taken at the closing meeting of the International Congress on School Hygiene.

We are informed by Sir Lauder Brunton, President, and the Hon. Secretaries of the recent International Congress on Hygiene, Dr. James Kerr and Mr. E. White Wallis, that the permanent International Committee, consisting of about 60 members selected from almost every country has hitherto only met during Congresses. The question of the establishment of a Bureau with a permanent staff, library, and museum in a central spot was considered, but it was decided that it would probably tend to greater progress if each country had its own centre for the diffusion of knowledge, and to act as a clearing-house in the matter of School Hygiene and statistics. Finally, to supervise in scientific matters, and to do all that is possible to forward the human interests bound up in the special lines of knowledge included in School Hygiene the International Committee has formed a small Council.

Certain matters will almost at once come under the consideration of this Council. Such as:—

“The question of how medical inspection of schools can best be carried out with the maximum of efficiency and minimum of cost.”

“The question of how far the laws of health can best be imparted to the coming generation, so that later they will know how to care for themselves and those dependent on them.”

“The best systems or methods of physical training for both sexes at various ages.”

“The feeding of children requiring proper nutrition, so that it shall be done without developing pauperism and with regard to those upon whom the cost falls.”

The school nurse in her work comes into close touch with these problems, and is inti-

mately affected by them, and may be helpful to the Council in its task of collecting and analysing known facts to show which methods are best for any town or State.

The organisers believe that the information acquired will, when digested, have a very great value politically as well as educationally, and that this Council may in time come to be officially regarded as quite analogous in matters of School Hygiene to that other Congress of Peace now in Session at the Hague.

The Board of Management of the Northampton and County Hospital report that the Private Nursing Department, which opened on May 1st last, has proved most successful, the nurses (three in number) being constantly out. It is proposed to increase the number to six in the course of the next few months, as soon as the nurses have completed their training in the Hospital.

A welcome gift to the funds of the Nursing Home and District Nursing Association, Pitlochry, was announced at the recent annual general meeting of subscribers, when the Chairman, Mr. William M'Inroy, of Lude, handed to the President, Lady Helen Stewart Murray, a cheque for £100 from Mr. C. Gibson M'Lagan, of Punpherston, to be added to the income for two years to assist in providing a second trained nurse to be available in the first instance for the benefit of the poor in the district.

The reports of the Irish Matrons' and Irish Nurses' Associations show that these societies are full of vitality, and are alive to the necessity of taking an interest, and being felt as a force, in matters which concern the nursing profession as a whole. Thus the duty of combination amongst nurses “at this critical time, when State Registration of Trained Nurses is a question of practical politics” is urged in order that Irish nurses may appoint representatives on the Central Committee dealing with the question, to guard their interests, and to keep them informed how those interests may be affected by legislation.

At the Annual Meeting of the Bangor District Nursing Society, co. Down, Ireland, held last week, which was largely attended, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, President of the Society, presented a most satisfactory annual report in which she stated that owing to the great support accorded by the friends and subscribers of the Society it had been possible to engage a second nurse for half the year.

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