

Nursing Echoes.



The Committee of Dutch Ladies in London, says the *Times*, have decided to present Queen Wilhelmina with a baby's robe of fine cambric trimmed with Carrickmacross lace. The robe is being made by the Royal Irish Industries Association, Motcombe Street, Belgravia, and the embroideries by the nuns in the workroom of the industrial school of the Convent of Mercy, Sligo. The balance of the money subscribed in London is to be used to provide means for the nursing of poor sick Dutch children resident in England, and to be called "The Queen Wilhelmina Fund."

Miss Amy Hughes will speak in Section 1, devoted to the history of district nursing in England and other countries, at the World's Congress of District Nurses at Liverpool, which opens on the 12th May. It is to be hoped more adequate pay for district nurses may be advocated by some of the very wealthy men and women who are taking a prominent part in the proceedings.

An amateur dramatic performance of "Molentrave on Women" will be given at The Theatre, Cripplegate Institute, E.C., in aid of the Building Fund of the New Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on the evenings of May 17th and 18th. Tickets may be obtained from the Assistant Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

It has been arranged that five nurses certificated at the Marylebone Infirmary shall annually have the advantage of free midwifery training at the Workhouse in the Marylebone Road. The Matron of the Workhouse is a trained nurse, and there is also a certified midwife in charge of the lying-in wards. The value of this training cannot be estimated too highly, and, indeed, the fact that midwifery training is often obtainable by infirmary-trained nurses, while those holding general hospital certificates have not, as a rule, had this advantage, is one reason why infirmary nurses often obtain valuable appointments abroad, as the possession of the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board is almost invariably a necessary qualification for such appointments.

Nurses who desire a rest, and wish for a

simple country life, may be glad to know that Miss Edith Please, formerly Matron of the Kingsbridge Cottage Hospital, Devon, is glad to receive paying guests at The Cot, North Holmwood, Dorking. The country round Dorking is lovely, and "The Cot" is on the Common. A return ticket from London costs only 3s. 3d. and lasts for six months.

"Catholic Nurse" protests in the *Catholic Herald* against the unfair treatment of Roman Catholics in Manchester Infirmary. She states that she had the greatest difficulty in gaining admission as a probationer to a hospital, and now she is trained finds promotion impossible. This discrimination against a religious sect will in all probability be taken up by the Catholic Federation.

At the second Annual Meeting of the General Council of the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, held in Dublin, the report stated that great progress had been made, the Association now having 172 branches, 24 Queen's Nurses are reported to be at work, and the various branches of the Association are educating the people in the laws of hygiene and preventive treatment.

The provision of Tuberculosis District Nurses in Dublin, who are not fully trained, is in our opinion a great mistake, and the arrangement made by the Queen's Jubilee Institute, whereby the W.N.H.A. can have these partly trained nurses inspected by the Institute's Superintendents of Nurses is both unfair to the patients and to efficient Queen's Nurses. We voice professional feeling in Ireland on this question, and hope at an early date the W.N.H.A. will make it a matter of duty to provide thoroughly trained and adequately paid Queen's Nurses to nurse the tuberculous poor in Dublin. Makeshifts in nursing only add to the great army of unfits, of whom there are already enough and to spare in nursing ranks. Charitable ladies should study nursing economics before interfering with professional standards, of which as non-wage-earners they are often deplorably ignorant.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, writing in *The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette* says: "The opportunities for medical work in the foreign field from a purely professional standpoint are unparalleled.

A trained nurse has a wonderful opportunity not only along professional lines, but as a teacher of hygiene and ordinary care of the sick, as one who can train the natives to be-

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