

The Michigan State Legislature has passed the Nurses' Registration Bill. We understand that the Board of Examiners is to consist of four nurses, recommended by the State Association, and one physician, with a minimum educational requirement of two years in the hospital. The Michigan nurses are especially to be congratulated on having attained their legal status, as they have had many reverses but have persistently gone forward to victory.

WELCOME HELP.

We beg to acknowledge with many thanks the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss E. M. Jones, Liverpool ...	10	0	
Miss A. Henderson, Cape Town	5	0	

League News.

There was a large gathering of Nurses of the Guy's Hospital League on Friday evening, April 30th, when the first annual dinner took place in the spacious dining-hall of the Nurses' Home, the Matron (Miss Swift) presiding at the centre table. The tables looked very tempting and inviting, a substantial menu being provided. Of the success of this new movement there can be little doubt, everyone appreciating the opportunity of exchanging views, ideas, and thoughts, the members, some of whom now hold responsible posts as Matrons of important hospitals, talking of the times when they were trained under less luxurious circumstances. After dinner, tea and coffee were served, and those who could not attend the dinner came in for the formal meeting, when all the advantages of the membership of the League were put forward, and an account given of the finances of the year, which are in a very flourishing condition. During the evening the Matron was presented with a lovely bouquet of carnations and fern, for which she thanked the members in a few well chosen words. There was also an exhibition of photography by members of the League, and prizes were awarded. Thus was spent a very pleasant and instructive evening, and much pleasure was expressed by those present at having met so many old friends, an opportunity for which so seldom presents itself, and also the hope that all may meet again next year.

The universal experience of those associated together in Leagues is that they are not only profitable but most pleasurable.

Nurses of Note.

MISS A. M. MacDONNELL, R.R.C.

After 21 years' service, Miss Annie Maud MacDonnell, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, has retired from active work.

Miss MacDonnell says she is tired, though she appears as bright and fresh as in the year 1886, when she entered Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital for training, for she is now, as then, full of vigour, of a quick perception, and endowed with a healthy constitution.

A high sense of duty characterises Miss MacDonnell, and perhaps it was this sense which induced her in 1888, after two years' training, to accept the position of Nursing Superintendent of the Richmond Hospital, there to work under the Matron of that time, who made her daily round of the wards attired in bonnet, veil, dolman, and black kid gloves! Under her régime poor patients had to pay the nurses twopence before a poultice was applied, even though ordered by the doctor, and it is said that the nurses sold the hair they cut from the heads of the female patients—for all these and many other curious customs were in vogue twenty-one years ago.

At that time the Richmond, Whitworth, and Hardwicke Hospitals were collectively known as the Houses of Industry; in 1893 great changes were made, and Miss MacDonnell took full charge, acting as Matron and Lady Superintendent of this group of hospitals, now known as the Richmond, the ancient name being almost disused. Visiting this splendid, up-to-date Richmond Hospital to-day, where the most modern medical and surgical measures are in full swing, and where the nurses are equally modern in their working methods, one but dimly realises the amount of reform accomplished by this one vigorous woman.

It may be said that Miss MacDonnell's successful administration has placed the Richmond Hospital in the front rank of similar institutions, and in all parts of the Kingdom the nurses trained by her have been most successful.

Miss MacDonnell has been appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to a place on the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, a well deserved honour, and a graceful mark of appreciation.

During the South African War, Miss MacDonnell took charge of Lord Iveagh's Field Hospital, and was subsequently awarded a silver service medal, and she also received at the hands of his Majesty the King the Royal Red Cross.

On her retirement from work, the women

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