

A deputation from the Federation of University Women and from the Women's Medical Association last week waited upon the Board of Management of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, to urge that resident medical posts should be open to the best candidate—man or woman—but although they had a courteous reception they were informed that no provision for resident medical women in the magnificent new Infirmary had been made. Practically they were met with *non possemus*.

The Manchester Medical School was opened to women students in 1899; the Royal Infirmary was opened to women students in 1900, and it is wholly inconsistent that the doors of the great new Infirmary should be closed against a section of those who have otherwise obtained the highest distinction in our medical schools. Can we wonder that women demand political power, when their professional interests are absolutely ignored by Hospital Boards of Management entirely composed of men.

Writing on this burning question in the *Manchester Guardian*, "A. D. S." asks: "Cannot two rooms in the Nurses' Home be annexed as sitting and bed rooms for a woman resident? And could it not be arranged for her to "mess" with the Lady Superintendent and her assistants, so ensuring comfortable meals, and the chaperoning of the Lady Superintendent if required? Who is to act as chaperone? The Lady Superintendent or the medical woman? We fancy neither lady would appreciate such an arrangement.

A meeting of the Nurses' Debating Society took place on Friday evening, January 22nd, at the rooms of the Irish Nurses' Association, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin. A paper on the Nursing of Cases after Abdominal Operations was read by Miss Violet Roberts. It principally dealt with the subject from a private nurse's point of view, and described how the room in a private house ought to be arranged when such operations have to be performed on an emergency, or from any cause the patient is prevented from going into a hospital or surgical home; how to utilise what is at hand, etc. The Misses Hewett, Parke, and Joly, of Q. V. J. N. I., St. Patrick's Home, St. Stephen's Green, took part in an interesting discussion afterwards. The next meeting will take place on Friday, February 5th, at 7.30.

The quarterly meeting of the King Edward's Coronation Fund for Nurses was held at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, Mr. Marcus Ter-

tius Moses in the chair. The Hon. Treasurer reported balance to credit in Bank, £114 3s. 5d. Twelve applications for membership were considered and accepted. For further information regarding the Society application can be made to the Secretary, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

There was a lively debate at a recent meeting of the Joint Committee of the Richmond Asylum, Ireland. One member said "the nurses were treated more like serfs than human beings," and wished to have the hours off duty relaxed. Another member vigorously protested against relaxation, and said: "The present rules had been made on the recommendation of the Catholic Chaplain in the interests of morality and good conduct."

Everyone present—alderman and medical officer—called the nurses "the girls." As some of these "girls" were reported to have been on the staff "eleven years," we must conclude the title is one of courtesy in the Emerald Isle. After a spirited pow-wow, the matter dropped, and "the girls" are not to wander willy nilly in the grounds after 8 p.m. in the winter months.

The negro is terribly susceptible to phthisis, and the first negro tuberculosis congress—the first ever conducted entirely for the welfare of the coloured race in the United States—was recently held at Tuskegee. The Southern exhibition of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis was shown during the Congress.

An interesting point was raised recently in a legal action in New Zealand, when an action was brought against Miss Arnaboldi, the proprietress of a nursing home at Waihi, for medicines ordered by a medical man for patients sent to her Home. The defence was that Miss Arnaboldi considered herself liable for dressings, but that medicines should be charged to individual patients. The magistrate gave judgment for the amount claimed with costs.

We consider that when patients are admitted to a private nursing home the best plan is to explain to them that medicines are not included in the fees charged. Bills for drugs should then be made out in the name of the patients on whose behalf they are supplied, and added to their account. The receipted bills should be presented to them.

An address by Dr. Dickson to the 1908 graduating class of St. Vincent's Hospital,

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