

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The first general meeting took place in our Rooms on Saturday evening, 6th inst., at 8 o'clock, Miss Lamont, President, in the chair. Having reviewed the entertainments during the summer, and any extra meetings which were called, Miss Lamont made a few remarks, saying this was now our 6th Session, and drawing attention to some of the objects of the Association. She said she hoped that younger members would frequent the meetings more as their interests were at stake, more especially as to State Registration, which, although she hoped we were nearer to its fulfilment, required strenuous and united effort to obtain it. She then invited Mrs. Kildare Treacy to give us some account of the Congress, as so many had been unable to be present. Mrs. Treacy, besides giving an animated description of much that struck her personally, also very kindly showed photos and various objects of interest, programmes, menus, etc. She was followed by Miss Kelly, who added her quota to all that had been said. They both said how much the interest was heightened by the cosmopolitan element, so many different nationalities being represented. They seemed especially impressed by the *personelle* of our American sisters. They both paid a high tribute to the brilliant attainments of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick as organiser of this huge assembly. Let us hope, should we live, that the German meeting may prove as successful. In conclusion, they said they had learnt much and had a greater respect for their profession than ever.

Miss Carson Rae then gave some interesting details as to the exhibition at the Congress. Those of us who had not been able to attend the Congress felt the keenest regret, and envied those who had been so privileged. The meeting then separated.

V. R.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Council of the Royal Sanitary Institute have accepted an invitation from the Town Council of Brighton to hold the next Congress and Exhibition of the Institute in Brighton during the first two weeks of September, 1910.

At a Conference recently convened by the National Association for the Care of the Feeble Minded, held at Lancaster, a resolution was passed urging on the Government the importance of immediate legislation on the lines of the report of the Royal Commission on the Feeble Minded.

A new ward for six beds has just been opened in the Hospital for Incurable Children, Hampstead, making the maximum number 56. This institution is worked on hospital lines as much as possible. Lectures are given to the nurses by the Matron and they receive as much practical experience as possible in the wards, so that on leaving for general training they have a very good insight into nursing and the general routine of hospital discipline.

Among the eighty-four applicants for the vacant post of porter at the Hemel Hempstead Workhouse were accountants, policemen, a conjurer and ventriloquist, and an assistant borough surveyor. It is to be hoped that the bathing of the male patients is not to continue the porter's duty should any of these "artists" be appointed.

The directors of the Sanitas Company have declared the usual interim dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the six months ended September 30th.

The Earl of Arran, K.P., and other Directors of Bovril, Ltd., received a distinguished party of scientists on Saturday at the Bovril Factory in Old Street, E. C. The company included the members of the South-Eastern Section of the Sanitary Association. The visitors were conducted in parties over the magnificent premises of the company, and one and all commented upon the cleanliness and brightness of the factory and the smart appearance of the factory hands. The splendidly-equipped laboratories, where the raw materials are subjected to the scrutiny of experts, were then inspected, and the visitors were shown the concentrated beef materials in the form in which they arrive direct from the factories of the vast Bovril Estates of some ten million acres. In the milling room was seen the preparation of the albumen and the fibrin—the feeding part of the beef—and it was interesting to note that, during the whole process of manufacture, Bovril is never once touched by hand. Amongst the visitors were Archdeacon Sinclair, Dr. Shuttleworth, Professor Kenwood, Sir H. Trueman Wood, Sir Robert Morant, Sir John Batty Tuke, M.P., Surgeon-General Evatt, and other well-known men.

As a result of the National Conference on Criminal Law and Criminology, held in Chicago in June, the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology was formed. The institute was organised to further the scientific study of crime, criminal law, and procedure, to formulate and promote measures for solving the problems connected with these studies, and to co-ordinate the efforts of individuals and of organisations interested in the administration of certain and speedy justice. Its work for the first year has been mapped out and assigned to committees, and consists largely of a scientific investigation and of preparatory propaganda to be circulated among interested workers.

NURSE DEFRAUDS CLERGYMAN

A nurse named Gertrude Perks, of Pear Tree Cottage, Stockport Road, Timperley, was sent to gaol for three months at Warwick last week for obtaining a sovereign by false pretences from the Vicar of St. Nicholas, Warwick, to whom she had represented that she formerly attended his church. It was stated that she had been victimising clergymen for some time. She had letters addressed to a café in Altrincham. Inspector Sharpe arrested her. He discovered a letter containing a cheque, and found others at her lodgings.

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