

State registration of trained nurses would soon afford protection both for nurses and patients.

The Hackney Guardians have adopted the recommendation of the Infirmary Committee that they should provide proper and adequate accommodation for the female nursing staff in lieu of the cottages in Crozier Terrace, in spite of the protest of one of their number (Mr. Arnold, Stoke Newington), who invited the whole Board to support him in voting against it, as a protest against the action of the Assessment Committee. Mr. Herbert Grant said that if ever there was a paragraph in any report which demanded serious attention by the Board it was this paragraph. Was Mr. Arnold not ashamed of the present black spot, the festering sore which had existed for so long on the Board's site, houses overrun with rats, and festering with every possible neglect and the conditions of life could make sordid and distressful? The probationers were so disgusted with the conditions in which they were forced to live that it was difficult to keep any. Whether in Poor Law government or in any other walk of public life they had no right to traffic as pawns in the game of party politics with the lives of the staffs dependent on them. Mr. Bates said that anyone who had been through these cottages knew what live stock was there, in fact, some of the members of the Board themselves got "all alive" when inspecting. The places had been a perfect disgrace to the Board, and the only wonder was that they got any staff to stop there at all. Nurses are a long suffering class, but we think so, too.

There are now 14,000 nurses on the books of the Royal National Pension Fund. One hundred and forty-seven nurses entered upon their annuities during the year, bringing the total of nurses drawing their annuities to 1,077, receiving at the rate of over £26,000 a year.

At the last Executive Meeting until after the summer holidays of the Irish Nurses' Association, fifty-nine new members were admitted. We are glad to know that the Association has greatly increased in numbers during the present year, and does not intend to rest satisfied until every Irish nurse is a member.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association thoroughly enjoyed a lovely picnic last week at Mount Devis. The members drove out in brakes from Belfast, and as the weather was perfect everyone present enjoyed themselves immensely.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The annual meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in the University of London and the adjacent collegiate buildings at South Kensington, on July 22nd and 23rd, and during the following week. The papers cover a very wide range of interest, and the social functions include a *conversazione* given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall on July 27th.

Mrs. F. M. Zarifi and Mrs. L. Lucas have sent to the University College Hospital £1,000 each for the endowment of beds in response to the special appeal for £10,000.

The Governors of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, have instructed the Committee to proceed with the erection of a new wing at a cost of £70,000, of which half has been raised. Mr. Samuel White has promised that if it is named the King Edward Memorial Wing, and £30,000 of £35,000 required are subscribed in the next twelve months, he will give the remaining £5,000.

The Philipson Children's Sanatorium at Stannington has been open two years, and has done very good work. The original plan is now to be completed by the building of the second wing—owing to the munificence of Sir W. H. Stephenson, Lord Mayor of Newcastle. The Committee have gratefully decided to name it "The Lady Stephenson Wing," erected by her daughters in loving memory of their mother. We hope the new wing will benefit hundreds of children suffering from local tuberculosis.

The Third International Congress for School Hygiene takes place in Paris on August 2nd and the five following days. The last Congress was held in London in 1907. The President of the Organising Committee of Great Britain and Ireland is Sir Lauder Brunton. The programme of the Congress is divided into general and sectional meetings. Dr. James Kerr, the Chief Medical Officer of the London County Council Education Department, is one of the few speakers allotted to the general meetings, for which the three following subjects have been arranged:—(1) Uniformity of Method for Physical Examinations in Schools; (2) Sexual Education; and (3) the Training and Appointment of the School Doctor. Almost everything concerning the hygiene of the school and the health of the scholar will be found at the exhibition. Class-rooms are to be equipped according to the styles of different countries, and several rooms will be decorated by the Society of Art in the schoolroom. The President of the Congress is the French Minister of Public Instruction.

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