

meet the need of the public for well disciplined and skilled male nurses.

On Thursday in last week, Mrs. Kildare Treacy, the Lady Superintendent, and the Nursing Staff of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution gave a most enjoyable "At Home" at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. The Aberdeen Hall was decorated, and nearly 200 guests enjoyed the nurses' hospitality. Miss Gasparro's band supplied the music, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Kildare Treacy and the Hon. Mrs. de Courcy Wheeler were indefatigable in their efforts for the enjoyment of the guests. All the Matrons in Dublin accepted the invitation to be present, and nurses representing many hospitals. The hotel arrangements were perfect, and dancing, which started at 8.15, was kept up until late.

It was noticeable that the staff of the Institution who were aiding Mrs. Treacy as hostesses, all wore on the left arm the handsome badge of their Institution, consisting of the Arms of the City of Dublin, where the neat brown uniform has been known and admired for over a quarter of a century.

We are glad to learn from Miss Sybil O'Connell, who started a collection for the purpose five years ago, that a Lady Dudley Nurse has been at work in the Caherdaniel district since that time, and that her services have been of incalculable benefit to the district, and she has saved the lives of many women. The ball recently held in Dublin was to help to provide for her maintenance, as the place is very poor.

Miss Louise L. Despard, Member and Examiner of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, who has just brought out an excellent "Text Book of Massage," which aims at embodying in concise form such a knowledge of the Theory of Massage, and of the principles of Elementary Anatomy and Physiology as is indispensable to those taking up massage as a profession, has been entertained at dinner at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, in honour of the event. Amongst those present were Miss White, LL.D., Dr. Ella Webb, Miss Huxley, Miss Shuter, Miss Reed, Miss Hogg, Miss Poole, Mrs. Barrington, Miss Golding, and Miss Reeves.

The book, which is published by Mr. Henry Frowde, and Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, the Oxford University Press, 20, Warwick Square, London, E.C., is an achievement of which its author may be proud, and the numerous and beautiful illustrations which it contains cannot fail to be of the greatest service to anyone studying this subject.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association held their first meeting in their new Rooms, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on February 4th. There was a large attendance. It was agreed to bring the matter of forming an Irish Nurses' Reserve for Territorial purposes forward at the General Meeting in March. Several new members were elected. The Irish Nurses' Association have affiliated with the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, who has accepted the position of President of St. George's Hospital in succession to the King, who has now become the Patron, visited the Hospital last week and was presented by the Governors with an address in the presence of the Vice-Presidents, members of the House Committee, and the Consulting and Honorary Staff of the Hospital. The address stated that since the foundation of the hospital, in 1733, with the exception of a short period, it has been honoured by having the reigning Sovereign as its Patron, and a member of the Royal Family as its President. A bed has been endowed in the Queen Victoria Ward, to be called in perpetuity "The King Edward VII. Bed," and the Princess was asked to unveil the tablet placed over it.

The address also referred to her Royal Highness' efforts to raise the standard of trained nursing. In replying to it the Princess said that for more than 30 years it had been her object to raise nursing as a profession. She then presented certificates to the nurses who have recently passed their final examination, and afterwards went round the Hospital, visiting most of the wards, the kitchen, and the nurses' quarters.

Princess Christian opens the Nurses' Home of the London Lock Hospital, Harrow Road, on February 10th. Her Royal Highness has signified her willingness to receive purses of money. Donors or collectors of £5 and upwards are invited to present them personally.

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, Chairman of the King's College Hospital Removal Fund, for which a special appeal is being made, has undertaken to pay the cost of one of the central ward blocks of the new hospital. This will be a three-storey block, and it is estimated that it will cost £30,000.

Mr. Harold Nickols, of 2, Seamore Place, Mayfair, and Leeds, has given a donation of £10,000 to the fund being raised for the General Infirmary, Leeds, by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, in memory of King Edward.

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