

measures come under the control of the Provincial Government, and as registration for nurses is purely an educational matter, the nurses of each Province must seek legal recognition from each Provincial Parliament.

"We want to guard our professional standards, otherwise we lose our standing as a profession. Note how carefully the standards of the medical profession are guarded. That is the one which touches ours most closely. No person can invade the field of medicine who does not hold the prescribed credentials. And rightly so surely. But not so with us."

### Co-operation in Ireland.

The idea of co-operation—a working together for the same end—is beginning to be recognised as a potent factor in the building up of any successful organisation. Each year makes the fact more apparent that the best result is obtained from individual labour when each worker is conscious of a personal interest in the concern for which he toils.

To work together for the formation of a well-ordered and well-organised community is good for the individual as well as for the body corporate. Character grows as individual responsibility is fostered, and a pride in what is in part one's own is a natural and desirable outcome of a share in a co-operative work.

The recognition of this fact accounts for the great interest which has been aroused by a new co-operative scheme in Dublin, which plans to draw together to a common centre the many activities of the nursing profession.

The inception of a new Hostel for Nurses is due to Miss Huxley, the pioneer of nursing enterprise in Ireland, whose scheme was warmly taken up and fostered by the Irish Matrons' Association. The Hostel is a co-operative concern. Nurses who invest money in the scheme will receive 5 per cent. on their investments, and will also share in the profits of the Hostel after the liabilities of each year have been discharged. Many nurses have already taken shares, which are issued at £1 each, and a company has been formed.

From all parts of the country there has been an eager demand from nurses of the Irish Nurses' Association, and it is believed that a part proprietorship in the Hostel will greatly tend towards the development of that sense of personal responsibility which goes so far towards the formation of a successful concern.

A service to the public which demands such a high standard of efficiency as that of a trained nurse also requires provision for its workers, that they may have rest and recreation, and

such a home as may make brightness and joy for its residents.

The Hostel Committee have been fortunate in securing one of the large Georgian houses in St. Stephen's Green. Built in 1770 by Sir Thomas Maude, Lord de Montalt, it came into the possession of the La Touche family in 1798, and was held by them until recent years. It is a fine house, with good accommodation, and possesses the solidity, comfort, and spaciousness characteristic of its period. Large, well-lighted rooms abound, and there is accommodation for a number of nurses, for whose use fresh and daintily-furnished rooms and cubicles are provided. The office, on the ground floor, is a charming room, with graceful decorative designs in stucco in the Adam style of ornament, and behind it is a very large room, reserved for nurses' technical lectures, lectures on massage, and meetings of an educational character. This room, which has a fine circular painting in monochrome over the fireplace, will, by its size and spaciousness, afford much comfort to lecturers and their audiences.

There is a work and reading-room for nurses in residence, and a dining-hall, where meals are served at separate small tables.

The walls of the staircase are panelled in plaster, in imitation of wainscoting, and an arched doorway with stucco decorations in high relief leads to a beautiful room on the first floor, which has been secured by the Irish Nurses' Association.

It is tastefully furnished, and contains a fine grand piano, presented to the Hostel by the kind and thoughtful generosity of Mrs. and Miss Maxwell Hulton. The three large windows of this room overlook St. Stephen's Green Park, and command a charming view. Mention must be made of a nice garden behind the house, and a laundry, which will prove a great convenience.

It is hoped that nurses visiting Ireland will apply to the Secretary of the Hostel, if they wish to meet their Irish colleagues, or to make the house their head-quarters.

Many nurses have already been accepted for work on the staff of the Hostel, and their services can be secured at any hour on application to the Secretary, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Miss Despard (authoress of Text Book on Massage) read a paper before the Irish Nurses' Association last week on "The Use of Electricity in Connection with Massage." There was a good attendance, and as discussion had been invited many of the nurses present discussed this matter in connection with cases they were attending. A warm vote of thanks was given to Miss Despard.

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