

### IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting in January 1912, Miss O'Flynn, Lady Superintendent, Children's Hospital, Temple Street, Dublin, was elected President for this year.

Miss Eddison, Lady Superintendent, Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Reeves, Lady Superintendent, Royal Victoria Hospital, Dublin, Hon. Secretary.

### THE LEAGUE OF SCHOOL NURSES.

On Wednesday, January 31st, Dr. Brincker gave a Lecture to the L.C.C. School Nurses on "Skin Diseases." There was a good attendance. After dealing with the various functions of the skin, Dr. Brincker mentioned the things which influence skin diseases and of the different forms of disease.

The causes, symptoms and effect of inflammations were also mentioned. Dr. Brincker's scheme when dealing with any kind of eruption should be useful to school nurses:—

Observe the shape, size and appearance of rash. Decide where it originated.

Notice the plan of distribution and the arrangement in respect of grouping.

Notice whether there is pigmentation on the parts where rash has disappeared.

Observe the presence or absence of induration.

Ascertain the history of the rash, the presence or absence of rise of temperature.

Notice the general symptoms preceding, accompanying, or following the rash.

Dr. Brincker dealt in turn with the infectious diseases which are usually accompanied by an eruption of the skin, and gave useful advice to aid in the diagnosis of such. The Lecture was of great interest and much appreciated. On February 7th, Dr. Thomas will lecture on "The Use and Hygiene of the Teeth."

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### CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

The Conference invited by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Insurance Commissioners with the Medical faculty has had to be postponed, presumably on account of the many refusals received from the various medical bodies, who are practically unanimous in the view that the medical provisions of the Act are unsatisfactory, as regards both the interests of the public, and the welfare of the medical profession.

Among the medical bodies who declined the invitation were the General Medical Council, the British Medical Association Council, the British Medical Association Reform Committee, the Royal College of Physicians (London), the Royal College of Surgeons (England), the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh), the Society of Apothecaries (London), and the London Counties Medical Protection Society.

### OUTSIDE THE GATES.

#### WOMEN.

The whole sum of £100,000 has now been obtained for the scheme of endowment of home science at King's College for Women (University of London), of which Queen Mary's Hostel is to form a part.

Negotiations are now proceeding respecting a site for the hostel and for the new buildings in which will be incorporated the laboratories for the home science department.

As the chief object of the movement is to foster a sounder knowledge of the laws which govern health, sanitation, and household economy, surely courses for preliminary and higher education of nurses should be included in it. Let us hope that by the time the Isla Stewart Memorial is endowed we shall have a Department of Nursing and Health on similar lines to that already doing such splendid work for the sick at Teachers' College, Columbia University of New York. It is now many years since the late Miss Isla Stewart, as President of the Matrons' Council, brought the matter before the Council of Bedford College, London.

Lady Strachey has been re-elected Chairman, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick Vice-Chairman of the Lyceum Club, 128, Piccadilly. At the recent annual meeting Mrs. Fenwick pointed out that so far no nursing qualification had been accepted as qualifying for membership, and that the nurses who had joined had been admitted upon a journalist's, or public service qualification. A resolution will be placed on the Agenda for the next annual meeting proposing that a Nursing Section be permitted.

Miss N. M. Joshi, L.M.S., of Bombay University and the Royal Free Hospital, London, has been admitted a member by examination of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Monster meetings for and against slavery for women—for deprived of a vote women are practically slaves—as nurses very well know, are to be held on early dates at the Albert Hall. How any human being can sit passively at a meeting and be pelted with insults from a public platform—in terms of brutal frankness, is just one of those idiosyncrasies of human nature, absolutely incomprehensible to self-respecting women. There are women, we are told, in the lower orders—though we don't believe it—who are said to enjoy "two jolly black eyes" from the massive fists of their legal lords. Presumably the squaw is not confined to one class of society—and the women who abase themselves and their sex by being present at the Albert Hall on February 28th, when the National League for Opposing Woman Suffrage will hold high festival, may congratulate themselves that, metaphorically, they will be lashed black and blue by the firish!

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