

common written examination and uniformity in oral examination shall be secured.

Miss Tindall, who as President of the Trained Nurses' Association opened the Session on the following day, spoke of the sacrifice entailed in the two or three days' railway journey to attend the Nursing Conference at Calcutta. The compensating blessings were the friendly intercourse, the very effectual picking of each other's brains and experience, and the joy of having some share in the organization of nursing in India.

Two prizes were awarded for papers on nursing subjects, the first to Miss Tindall for one on "Practical Sympathy," and the second to Nurse Jeremiah Isaiah, of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Hospital at Bangalore, for her paper on the question, "What would merit the title of a good trained nurse?"

Miss Creighton exhibited an admirably executed plan for a holiday home for nurses, should the Association decide to adopt the proposal to thus memorialize its late Hon. Secretary, Miss J. W. Thorpe.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association took place in their Rooms at 34, St. Stephen's Green, on the 16th inst., Miss Keogh, President, in the chair. Tea was generously provided by members of the Executive Committee, and was partaken of before the business meeting began. The beautiful rooms were gay with flowers, all gifts for the occasion. The usual dance and entertainment were postponed on account of the recent death of Mrs. Kildare-Treacy. Before the business began the President requested those present to stand while she read a tribute to Mrs. Kildare-Treacy's work for the Association, and the great loss it had sustained through the passing away of such a devoted and brilliant member. A telegram of condolence was also read from the German Nurses' Association.

The business was then proceeded with. An important change has been made in the Rules for this year. The monthly meetings, instead of being confined to the Executive Committee, with six nurse representatives, are to be thrown open to all members, in order that nurses may have a voice in the management and take part in the discussions.

The election of office bearers for the year was as follows:—President, Miss Shuter, "Ivanhoe," Lansdowne Road; Vice-President, Miss

Huxley, "Elpis"; Hon. Sec., Miss Kelly, Steeven's Hospital; Finance Committee, Miss Huxley, Miss Keating, National Maternity Hospital; Miss Growney, City of Dublin Nursing Institution.

These members were declared duly elected. Miss Keogh gave an outline of the meeting held in London of the Provisional Committee of the Trained Nurses' Friendly Society. Copies of the Draft Suggestions drawn up were distributed to the members, and the President spoke very strongly in favour of the Nursing Profession holding together.

Miss McLoughlin, one of the Instructors for the Insurance Act, had much information to impart to the meeting in which the members were interested. Miss Roberts and several others spoke. After discussion it was decided to hold a meeting to specially discuss the Act, with a view to forming a Nurses' Friendly Society.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Kelly and seconded by Miss Roberts, was accorded Miss Keogh for her dignified conduct of business as President during the past year. The proceedings then terminated.

The meeting to discuss the Insurance Bill will be held on April 6th, at 8 p.m.

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QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

Examination for the Roll of Queen's Nurses,
March 14th, 1912.

1.—What is meant by "hard water"? What are its disadvantages, and how can the condition be remedied?

What are the advantages of "hard water"?

2.—What defects in food are apt to cause Rickets? What are the other important causes of Rickets?

3.—Eclampsia: What premonitory symptoms may this condition give rise to? Describe a typical eclamptic fit, and state what treatment you would adopt pending the arrival of the doctor.

4.—What do you understand by "preventive work" in district nursing?

5.—What arguments can you offer in favour of (1) Primary vaccination; (2) Re-vaccination.

*6.—(a) What are some of the difficulties you might expect to encounter in working up a new Association (1) In a country town; (2) In a collection of villages; and what methods would you use to overcome them?

(b) Give an outline of *one* of a series of health talks to elder girls; or of *one* of a series of practical demonstrations in simple home nursing.

* Question 6 is alternative; only (a) or (b) is to be answered.

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