

the country in any scheme which might be adopted under the Insurance Act.

The meeting came to no definite conclusion.

The best thing all Irish Nurses can do is to join the Irish Nurses' Friendly Society, being organized by the Irish Nurses' Association, and so make it a big success.

A very sad tragedy took place last week at the great Charité Hospital at Berlin. A school-boy was undergoing the simple operation of having a growth removed from his nose, and the nurse, whose duty it was to administer the anæsthetic, dipping the hypodermic syringe by misadventure into the wrong bottle, injected a cocaine solution of 20 instead of one-half per cent. The lad expired almost immediately, and the nurse took the tragic consequences of her error so much to heart that she immediately inoculated herself with the fatal mixture, and died so suddenly that it was at first thought that she had succumbed to a heart attack. She had been employed at the Charité for fifteen years, and was regarded as one of the most trustworthy assistants on the staff. It is said that the two cocaine solutions were kept in precisely similar bottles, which stood quite close to one another.

We are glad to note that several papers call attention to the overwork of Nurses in German hospitals—one adding, significantly, "it is a wrong for which many are to blame in every country where nursing is employed."

To quote an instance in London, Dr. Lauzun Brown stated at a recent meeting of the Holborn Guardians that:

"I only hope that when the members of the Permanent Committee of the institution and the other members of the Board are stretched upon a bed of sickness, they will be provided with more nursing attention during the weary hours of the night than the one-hundredth-and-sixth part of a nurse.

"The present conditions amount to a sweating of nurses and a robbing of the sick poor of that proper nursing which is their right."

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for State Registration of Nurses begs to thank the following members for kind help:—Miss S. Browne, R.R.C., 5s., and Miss S. Munro, 4s.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Annual Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition and Conference opened at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, S.W., on Tuesday, and has continued throughout the week.

The Exhibition is most conveniently discussed in connection (1) with the large section in which many important firms have brought their specialities to the notice of nurses and midwives, which we describe in detail under a separate heading, and (2) the exhibits of nurses and others who have their own special contribution of value to bring to an exhibition of this kind.

NURSING HANDICRAFT.

The exhibit of Nursing Handicraft, organized by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and arranged by professional nurses, falls under the second heading, and we propose to devote a considerable portion of the space at our disposal to it this week, and to refer more fully in our next issue to the very interesting exhibits organized by the Midwives' Institute, and the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*, on the first floor, though we must note in passing the wonderfully good models and drawings sent by Dr. McGregor Young, of the Leeds Maternity Hospital, the pelvis with the washleather foetus being a work of genius.

The National League for Physical Education and Improvement has also a most interesting and instructive exhibit, mainly consisting of posters, and the exhibit of Nursing Inventions in the main hall has also attracted considerable notice.

"THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING" EXHIBIT.

Under the heading of Nursing Handicraft the Exhibits were organized in the following sections: The Head, the Abdomen (a) the Digestive Tract and (b) the Kidneys and Bladder, Gynæcological Nursing, Splints and Bandages.

THE HEAD.

There were two exhibits sent in under the Section: (1) By the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, and (2) By Miss Macfarlane, Matron of the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho.

THE LEICESTER EXHIBIT.

This is a most complete and charming exhibit arranged by Miss J. W. Davies, Assistant Matron at the Leicester Infirmary, Miss Trotter, Out-patient Sister, and Miss German, Ophthalmic Sister, Miss Kitchen, Out-patient Sister at the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road, E.C., and Miss Fussell, late Sister at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell.

Amongst the exhibits are a tracheotomy jacket, made of gamgee, with a jaconet bit attached, and fastened behind; and a sterile pad to be worn by the patient on the way home after operation for the

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