

matrons of hospitals throughout the kingdom. In concluding, she dwelt upon the loss to the League caused by the resignation of Miss B. B. de Lasalle, and also mentioned the recent death of the first Secretary, Miss Kathleen Miller.

Dr. G. E. Dodson, of Persia, next spoke about his work at Kirman. This city is one of the three stations of the C.M.S., Isfahan, Julfa, and Kirman, and is the centre of a district about half the size of the British Isles. The missionaries are the only Western doctors, and there is practically no competition from native doctors; for in Persia all a man has to do to qualify as a doctor is to buy one or two books, from which he prescribes. Yet, in spite of the vast field, there is only one hospital, with 22 men's beds and 12 women's. At first the missionaries met with great opposition, and heavy fines were put upon any who even sold them food. Three years later many of the leading people in the town signed a testimonial to Miss Bird when she had to leave. After yet another three years the state of the Society's finance made it probable that the station would have to be closed, and a document signed by every leading man was sent to London, begging that the work should be continued. Now 8½ beds in the mission hospital are supported by Persian Mohammedans. Dr. Dodson closed by saying that, after eight years in Persia, he could testify that he considered the work of a medical missionary to be thoroughly well worth while.

The closing address was then given by Mr. R. P. Wilder (Travelling Secretary, Student Volunteer Missionary Union). Dwelling first on the wonderful impression made by the life of Christ upon His disciples, and on His great love and power, the speaker dwelt upon the necessity for those who are now Christ's servants to be clean instruments in His hands, to have "spiritual asepsis" as complete and thorough as the physical asepsis required by a surgeon in healing men's bodies. The result of such cleansing is joy, peace and power, but are we ready to pay the price?

"God has His best, for those who dare to stand the test;

God has a second best, for those who will not have the best."

The Annual Report of the Nurses' Missionary League for 1912 can now be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, May 4th. The new Secretary, Miss Hanan, was introduced by Miss Shuter to the members present. Miss Reed was appointed to act as Delegate at the Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, to be held at Oxford.

Several names were added to the Provisional Committee of the Insurance Society.

The following members were asked to form an Amusements Committee to act for the ensuing year:—Mrs. Manning, the Misses Chadwick, Holden, Kerr, K. Kearns, Despard, and Phelan.

This was the last monthly meeting until September.

AN APPROVED SOCIETY FOR IRISH NURSES.

The Irish Nurses' Association have resolved to form an Approved Insurance Society, for nurses working in Ireland, under the Insurance Act, and have appointed a Provisional Committee to act in their name, consisting of the following:—Miss Lamont, Miss Kelly, Miss Huxley, Miss Reed, Miss Cherry, Miss Cunningham, Miss Sampson, Miss Carr, Miss K. Kearns, Miss Hogg, Miss Keogh, Miss Sutton, Miss Keating, Miss Butler, Miss Carson Rae, Miss Ramsden, Miss Gowney, Miss O'Flynn, Miss White, and they invite all branches of the Nursing Profession to join it. Nurses wishing to become members of this Society are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Sec., Miss V. Roberts, Provisional Committee, Insurance Society, at once, as the sum given by the National Insurance Commissioners for formation purposes is one shilling per head *before* July 15th, 1912. If nurses delay in joining till *after* that date only half the amount will be allowed per head. It is also desirable that the membership should be as large as possible.

It is important that nurses should have their own Approved Society, and that it should be formed without delay.

We hope Irish Nurses will co-operate loyally and make a strong Society of their own. There are numerous difficulties in the way, as there are so many influences in the Irish Nursing World. Catholic nurses lean towards the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and it is rumoured that District Nurses are being advised to join the Women's Health Association's Society, and there is a talk of the governors of hospitals forming a "Hospital Nurses' Approved Society." What is wanted is loyal pro-

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