

THE NURSES' INSURANCE SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

A special general meeting of the Nurses' Insurance Society of Ireland was recently held at their office, 29, Gardiner's Place, Dublin. Miss M'Ardle presided, and the meeting was very largely attended by nurses from various Dublin hospitals and institutions. The Secretary (Miss K. Kearns) read the minutes, correspondence, &c. It was decided not to accept the invitation to join the Friendly Societies' Union. The following officers were elected:—*President*, Miss M'Ardle, Lady Superintendent, Q.V.J.I., St. Laurence's Home, Dublin; *Vice-President*, Miss Burkitt, Lady Superintendent, Mercer's Hospital, Dublin; *Treasurer*, Miss Roberts; *Trustees*, the Right Hon. M. F. Cox, P.C., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., W. J. de Courcy Wheeler, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.I., P. J. Brady, Esq., M.P. Fifteen representative nurses were appointed on the Committee of Management.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

LECTURES ON HINDUISM AND ISLAM.

The second Lecture on Hinduism was delivered by Canon Weitbrecht at University Hall, Gordon Square, on October 16th. After briefly summarising the former lecture on the early history of Hinduism, Canon Weitbrecht described the four different "ways of salvation" believed in by the different schools—the way of *works*, such as offerings, pilgrimages, or the repetition of formulas; the way of *knowledge*; the way of *concentration*, such as is practised by the ascetics and devotees who seek to attain to utter abstraction from all earthly thoughts; and the way of *devotion*, which is quite the nearest approach to Christianity. The lecturer then described the development of the Sikh religion; and finally explained the position of a Hindu to-day; he is a Hindu by birth, and by conformity to the external ceremonies of his religion, such as food, place of residence, domestic ceremonies, reverence for the cow, and performance of funeral rites; but, on the other hand, in matters of actual belief he is absolutely free to say or think whatever he chooses. The one binding power is caste.

The remaining lectures will be on "Islam, its doctrines (God, Angels, Prophets, Divine decrees, &c.)," on November 6th, at 10.30 a.m., and on "Islam, its duties (Prayer, Fasting, Alms, &c.), its present condition and effects of missionary work," on November 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

NURSING INSPECTORS.

Miss Helen Todd, Nursing Inspector under the Local Government Board, has been appointed an Inspector under the National Health Insurance Commissioners, in charge of the districts of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, with headquarters at St. Alban's. Miss Todd was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. It is gratifying to record that in this work men and women Inspectors are placed on an equality.

Miss Wamsley, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, succeeds Miss Todd as Inspector under the Local Government Board. Miss Wamsley was trained at the London Hospital.

THE WELSH NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The following nurses have been appointed under the Welsh National Memorial scheme to the late King at a meeting held at Cardiff, at which Mr. D. W. Evans presided: Misses Eleanor Edwards, Liverpool; Sarah Evans, New Quay, Cardiganshire; Edith Grace Griffiths, Newport; Kate Parry, Flintshire; Edith Morcomb, Prestatyn; Katie Hughes, Blackmill, Bridgend; Rachel Lynn Evans, Pencader; Isabel Mitchell, Sutton, Surrey; Mary Pattison, Frimley Sanatorium; Jennie Mulligan, Bangor; Elizabeth Edwards, Liverpool; Elizabeth Jones, Croydon; Violet Conner, Manchester.

The nurses, who are appointed at a commencing salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2 10s. to a maximum of £110, will in due course be allocated to their respective areas. The Secretary to the scheme is Mr. Gwilym Hughes.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

The *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* announces the following resignations, which will cause general regret in the ranks of Queen's Nurses:—

Miss Katherine S. Macqueen is retiring from the post of Nursing Superintendent for England. It is recorded of her that her unfailing courtesy and strong sense of justice have smoothed the way in many difficult situations.

Miss J. Cowper's resignation of the position of Superintendent in Scotland is a great loss to the Scottish Branch of the Institute. Miss Cowper succeeded Miss Wade in 1905, and she has maintained the good standards and high traditions for which Scotland has always been noted.

Miss Philp is also resigning the Superintendence of the Edinburgh Training Home. Untiring in her work, and unsparing of herself, Miss Philp has ever held before nurses in training that high ideal of their profession that tells for so much in future life.

Miss Odell Carter is leaving the Queen's Nurses' Home, Reading, where she is Superintendent, to start a private nursing home in that town with Miss Francis Warter, her Senior Nurse.

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