

viding a guarantee of nursing efficiency to the public, as without it the public is cruelly exploited by the inefficient nurse, when life and death may be hanging in the balance.

The demand for reform is made by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, which represents organizations of medical men and trained nurses with a conjoint membership of not less than 30,000. It remains to be seen for how long a little clique of metropolitan hospital chairmen can, through social influence, deprive the community of their rights in this connection, and the profession of nursing of the legal status which is long overdue. Anyway, 1913 must see us up and doing.

SCOTLAND.

The Examinations, both in general nursing and fever nursing, instituted by the Local Government Board for Scotland are now regularly held, both medical practitioners and Matrons acting as examiners. The questions set cover the ground very thoroughly.

The Scottish Insurance Commissioners have placed Miss A. W. Gill, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on the Advisory Committee for Scotland. Miss Gill was nominated by the Scottish Matrons' Association, the Scottish Society of Trained Nurses, and other bodies. Scottish nurses are to be congratulated that a nominee of nurses' organizations has thus been appointed to a seat on the Advisory Committee.

In addition to the Scottish Matrons' Association, with Miss A. W. Gill as President, nurses can now be organized through the Scottish Society of Trained Nurses, the Association for the Promotion of State Registration of Trained Nurses in Scotland, and the Scottish Nurses' Association. All of these Societies support the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. The Scottish Society of Trained Nurses has recently established a "Nightingale" Prize, to take the form, in the first instance, of a medal, to be competed for by trained nurses.

The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, still continues to allow trained nurses in the city to attend the lectures given to the nursing staff at the Infirmary—a great advantage, which we have no doubt is appreciated at its true value.

IRELAND.

In Ireland the Irish Matrons' Association, the Irish Nurses' Association, and its Ulster Branch form a strong force making for professional organization and advancement. Miss E. Hanan has been appointed Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Association, in succession to Miss Carson-Rae.

A Catholic Nurses' Association has been formed, of which Miss Barrett is the present President, an object being that nurses of the Roman faith should have an Association to safeguard their own interests. To us it is regrettable that the question of the religious faith professed by nurses should enter into the organization of their professional associations, which are common ground on which all nurses can meet.

Miss M. Huxley, who has done so much for nursing in Ireland, has been appointed the first woman Governor of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, of which she was for many years Lady Superintendent. It is generally recognized as a well-merited honour.

The Nurses' Insurance Society of Ireland has been formed, with an office at 29, Gardiner's Place, Dublin.

The Irish nursing world and the nursing world in general has sustained an irreparable loss by the death of Mrs. Kildare Treacy, who rendered services of the very greatest value to the cause of nursing organization.

OUR DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS.

In India the Associations of Nursing Superintendents and Nurses are now affiliated in a National Association—with Miss Tindall as President—and have entered the International Council of Nurses.

The conjoint Associations presented an Address to the Queen-Empress on her visit to India, and received a gracious reply from Her Majesty.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, for providing skilled nursing for private patients, continues to do good and successful work. Her Majesty has accepted a specially bound copy of its report.

Great efforts are being made throughout the Empire to raise the standard of nurse training.

In Canada.—Under the Hospital Act of the Provincial Legislature of Ontario provision is made for the State Registration of trained nurses. Throughout the Dominion, Associations of Nurses are organized to obtain registration, and it is to be hoped that their efforts will ere long be crowned with success.

In Australasia.—In New South Wales the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association has passed a resolution approving of affiliation with the International Council of Nurses.

In Victoria a Bush Nursing Scheme is being slowly established.

State Registration of Nurses is now in force in Queensland, under conditions satisfactory to the A.T.N.A. Western Australia has also a

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