

carefully planned training to its pupils, best prepare them for success in meeting the new demands upon nursing?"

Miss McIsaac's account of nursing conditions met with in all parts of the country was given in a most interesting manner. She said:

"This National Society of ours represents 20,000 nurses; and the strength of opinion which may emanate from 20,000 good women working together for a common good is not to be despised, and we may even hope that in some quarters it may be feared. The common good for which we strive can be stated in six words: better schools, better nurses, better service."

Mr. Gilbreth said: "I have always thought of a hospital as a Happiness Factory."

The subject, "The Night Staff in a Hospital," was prepared by Miss Anna C. Jamme, who said: "It seems a far cry from the 'Lady With the Lamp' making her nightly rounds amongst her thousands of patients in the miserable barracks to our clean, cheerful, comfortable wards of to-day: yet the problem of the care of patients is ours now, as it was hers then."

In the paper, "The Staff Nurse in England," prepared by Miss Gertrude Cowlin (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and read by Miss Krueger, she wrote: "I believe that in this country the paid and qualified staff nurse as we know her in England, does not exist in hospital administration, and although America has a wealth of ideas to offer us in respect to organization, yet I think perhaps it will be ready to acknowledge how valuable in the existent scheme of things in England is the hospital staff nurse."

### NURSES AND THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

Trained Nurses do not seem to object less to the Insurance Act now that it is in force. Private nurses dislike it most, as they suffer the loss of professional prestige by its enactment. The fact of taking the card to private patients weekly will be most invidious, and many private nurses working on their own intend if possible to pay the whole tax of 26s. and not present the card. Members of co-operative associations will all in time have to pay an equivalent of the whole, as the clerical labour may require an extra clerk. In time the only thing to do is to revise the private nurse's fee, as of recent years Acts of Parliament have put additional burdens on the work of trained nurses.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**The Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C.**—Miss Mary S. Rundle has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C., where she subsequently held the positions of Night Superintendent and Assistant Housekeeper. She has also been Night Sister, Sister Housekeeper, and Acting Assistant Matron at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C. Miss Rundle was selected by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to hold the Isla Stewart Scholarship, at the Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A., for one year, and therefore has had the advantage of systematic training in the duties of a Matron.

**The Hospital, Ilkeston, Yorkshire.**—Miss Eileen O'Gorman has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, and has held the position of Sister at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, and the General Infirmary, Gloucester, and has been Night Sister at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**The Infectious Diseases Hospital, Alcester.**—Miss Bella Mitchell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's Cross Hospital, Dundee, and since 1901 has been Senior Charge Nurse and Deputy Matron at the Hospital, Skym Corner, Bromley Common, Kent.

**The Infectious Diseases Hospital, Bangor.**—Miss Nellie Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Lodge Road Fever Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Assistant Nurse at the City Hospital (North), Liverpool.

**Poorhouse and Hospital, Dumbarton.**—Miss J. L. Turnbull has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Barnhill Hospital, Glasgow, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the West Hospital, Aberdeen, and at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, and has also been Assistant Matron at the Oakbank Hospital in the same city. She is a certified midwife.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Long Grove Asylum, Epsom.**—Miss M. M. Thorburn has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary and the City Hospital, Edinburgh, and has been Assistant Matron at the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert, and at the West House, Morningside, Edinburgh.

### SISTER.

**Stirling District Asylum, Larbert.**—Miss Elizabeth Terris Taylor has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has been Charge Nurse at the Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh, and Night Sister at Barrow-in-Furness Hospital.

### CHARGE NURSE.

**The Workhouse Hospital, Chell, near Tunstall, Staffs.**—Miss Annie Sidley has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Wolstanton and Burslem Union Hospital, and has been Charge Nurse at the Chesterfield Union Hospital.

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