

their society, rather than one with an indiscriminate membership. Moreover, it seemed probable that the majority of the members were of a class who would not require to come on the funds of the society after marriage. In that case we should hope to retain their interest and assistance as Hon. Members. Mr. Craig then explained the principle of insurance and concluded by expressing his pleasure at being associated with the President, Committee, and members in the promotion of the Society.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The present Provisional Committee were then elected as the Committee of Management, with the addition of Miss Knight (Nottingham), Miss Buckingham (Birmingham), Miss O'Brien (University College Hospital), and Miss Mollett, making a thoroughly representative Committee.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Association was held on July 24th, Miss Shuter, the President, in the chair. There was a large and representative attendance.

A resolution was proposed by Miss Huxley, Elpis Private Nursing Home, seconded by Miss Reeves, Royal Victoria Hospital, and was passed with only two dissentients, most regretfully entirely dissociating the Irish Nurses' Association from the Irish Nurses' Insurance Society.

The President and Committee of the I.N.A. wish it to be understood that they have no wish to retard in any way the success of the Insurance Society; on the contrary, they will be very pleased if a successful Society can be formed; but as they do not approve of the methods of administration, they think it only fair to all nurses that they should at any rate understand that the Insurance Society is not controlled by the Irish Nurses' Association. For another reason they consider this explanation necessary, as the fact of the Insurance Society having rented a temporary office at 34, Stephen's Green, the headquarters of the Irish Nurses' Association, is liable to lead to some confusion.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to all members of the I.N.A. within a few days.

(Signed) E. HANAN,

Secretary Irish Nurses' Association.

We feel sure that the Irish Nurses' Association has taken this step in the belief that it is for the best interest of the members, and we have pleasure in giving publicity to it.

TWO QUEENS AT ALTON HOSPITAL.

The visit of Queen Alexandra and Queen Amélie of Portugal to Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital and College for Cripples at Alton gave immense pleasure to those who are working so hard at this wonderful institution, and also to all the little patients and pupils.

Her Majesty and party first visited the college, where Sir W. Treloar showed her round the leather shop, where the college boys were at work. Her Majesty spoke to every boy, and seemed especially interested in the boys making surgical boots for children in the hospital. That seemed to appeal to her tremendously. She questioned those boys who were wearing surgical boots if they made their own. Both Queen Alexandra and Queen Amélie asked that a large assortment of goods made in the College should be sent for their inspection in London.

Dr. Gauvain, the medical superintendent, and Miss Robertson, matron, were presented to Her Majesty and conducted her over the hospital. The nursing staff and convalescent patients were also drawn up outside the observation wards, where they were received by the Royal party.

Going through the observation wards Her Majesty expressed warm admiration of all the arrangements made for preventing the spread of infectious disease. She insisted on speaking to every child. Her Majesty then visited the cot ward and spent some time among the babies. Here she was interested in a little child wearing a high plaster jacket, and made numerous inquiries as to whether the child was comfortable or not, being most happy to know that the discomfort was very small. Gladys Jory, who occupied the King Edward Cot, and who is suffering from tuberculosis in the elbow, ankle and knee joints, had the honour of presenting Queen Alexandra with a bouquet of carnations and Queen Amélie with a one of sweet peas, grown on the estate.

Her Majesty then went into the splint ward, and Dr. Gauvain explained the use of the splints, in which Her Majesty was immensely interested. One of the back splints of a patient was removed in order to demonstrate its use, but the Queen insisted that it should be replaced immediately, so that no discomfort should be given to the patient. The plaster room was also visited, and here the Queen saw a little patient fitted with a plaster cast. The X-Ray room was another feature of the work in which the Queen was very delighted. Repeatedly Her Majesty expressed her regret that her stay was not of longer duration. The trustees' house at the top of the slope on which the hospital stands was visited, and in front on the lawn Queen Alexandra and Queen Amélie each planted an oak tree.

Altogether over an hour was spent in the hospital, and the Royal train left on the return journey shortly after five o'clock, amid cheers from the boys and others who witnessed the departure.

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