

Dr. Moorhead's lecture to the Irish Nurses' Association on "Massage in Nervous Diseases," which he gave at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on the 6th inst., was listened to with the deepest interest by a large audience, composed both of masseuses and members of the nursing profession. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides, showing sections of the brain and spinal cord, and of the changes the nerve-cells undergo in diseases of the nervous system. The chair was taken by Miss Hogg, member of the I.S.T.M. A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Moorhead, proposed by Miss Reed and seconded by Miss Poole, was passed amid great applause.

Miss Mary T. Balfour, of Ardvarna, Shankill, writes that there is a very urgent demand in the West of Ireland by Lady Dudley's nurses for old linen. She says nothing is too old or too small to be of use. These nurses, working devotedly amongst the very poorest of Irish peasants, deserve all the supplies they need, and we hope some may be sent to them. Address Miss Bradshaw, 33, Molesworth Street, Dublin, who will forward any useful stores.

The establishment of a training school for nurses in Algiers is a development which will be watched with interest, more especially as Miss C. Elston, who is organizing the school, is well known in the nursing world, both at home and abroad, for her fine work at the Tondu Hospital, Bordeaux, under the municipality of that town. Miss Elston is thus exceptionally well qualified to initiate the new school in Algiers, for the expenses of which the Algerian Assemblies have provided a sum of money in their last budget, upon which the Governor, General Lutaud, is greatly to be congratulated. He is, it is pointed out by Dr. G. Seguy, a member of the *Conseil Supérieur*, particularly well qualified to initiate this reform, since it was under his administration, as prefect of the Gironde, and in conjunction with the late Dr. Lande, formerly Mayor of Bordeaux, that the nursing school at the Tondu Hospital was established. Now the same advantages are to be offered to Algerian girls.

The choice of locality for the new school is particularly happy. At Hassein-Dey, in a lovely situation, the former Paruet Asylum will become the Paruet Hospital of from 100—120 beds, and here the new school will be established. We congratulate Miss Elston that the quality of her work in Bordeaux has led to its extension to Algiers.

Miss Gretta Lyons, of Melbourne—who made many friends in England during her visit home this summer—writes most appreciatively from Melbourne of her visit. She says: "What pleased me most was the spirit of comradeship that I at once recognised upon presenting my letter of introduction as a member of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association as shown to a member of our profession from over the seas, and even though we laboured under different conditions and conventions, the groundwork and spirit of our all-absorbing work made us look at things from the same standpoint. . . . I greatly admired your pluck and enthusiasm under many adverse circumstances, for I quite saw how much we nurses have to be thankful for in Victoria, with our efficient Association and the extreme loyalty of the medical profession, to whom we owe so deep a debt of gratitude." Miss Lyons greatly regrets she was not with us at Cologne, but consoles herself that she arrived in the sunny land under the Southern Cross just in time to record her vote for the State Parliament in Victoria, "and as I was doing so," she adds, "my heart went out in sympathy to you all, who are working so nobly to gain what we as nurses surely ought to claim as a right."

It is hoped that at an early date a general meeting of the R.V.T.N.A. will meet to discuss State Registration, and see who is for and who against it, preparatory to a fight to secure legal status for Victorian nurses.

A NEW NURSING SCHOOL AT SPEZIA.

Mr. Eliot Howard, of Ardmere, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, is appealing for an English Nursing Staff for the new Public Civil Hospital at Spezia, in Italy. A very competent, highly trained lady who can speak Italian is required to organize the nursing department, and the full staff ultimately required will be 30 nurses.

The Municipality of Spezia four years ago built a large Hospital at great expense in a most suitable position on a low hill, open to air on all sides, with magnificent views over the Gulf of Spezia in one direction, and over lovely hills in the other.

The nurses' quarters are arranged at the top of the building, and the present administration has voted 40,000 francs to open the hospital and start work in May next. This they feel they cannot do without English help, so they have enlisted the sympathy of the Rev. H. H. Pullen, who has long been resident in Spezia, and has displayed such marked powers of organization in his work for the large Orphanage recently

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