

living wage. The service should be periodically inspected, and that employment in it should terminate at their marriage."

The Secretary, Miss K. Kearns, was instructed to send these resolutions to the Government officials and others.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

### NURSING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, DUBLIN.

The organisation of the arrangements by the Irish Nurses' Association of the Nursing Conference and Exhibition, to be held in Dublin in the first week of June, is quietly proceeding.

The Opening Reception will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 3rd, in the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, by the courtesy of the Council, and the Council of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland have most kindly lent their Hall and Rooms in which to hold the Conference. The scope of the Conference has been extended to include a session on Massage Training and Education, at which interesting papers will be presented: (1) "The Training of the Masseuse," and (2) "Professional Ideals with Regard to Massage Workers." A room, as well as the large Hall, will be used on the afternoons of June 4th and 5th, so that two meetings can be held simultaneously.

Two papers which will undoubtedly arouse deep interest are those dealing with the Black Plague (venereal disease) by the Honourable Albinia Brodrick, whose address on this subject was one of the most remarkable and epoch-making at our London Congress in 1909, and that to be given by Miss M. Breay, on "A Just Midwives' Act for Ireland." As a certified midwife, no one is better able to offer expert opinion on this important matter than Miss Breay, who has in the interests of the readers of this journal attended nearly every meeting of the Central Midwives' Board for the last ten years, whose reports on its proceedings are acknowledged to be models of professional journalistic acumen, and who is intensely interested in the welfare of the midwife and the progress of her work for the community.

Details of the scope of the Nursing Exhibition will appear in these columns in due course. It is hoped much personal interest may be evinced by nurses in the competitions, for which Prizes will be offered by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the official organ of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

## REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has sent for the use of the in-patients of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, a gift of brocade, velvet, and other articles, and has expressed the hope that they may be useful in making bags and cushions for the annual sale of work, which will be held at the Hospital in June.

A lady who wishes to remain anonymous was announced at the annual meeting of the London Homœopathic Hospital recently to have sent a cheque for £10,000, through Dr. Byres Moir—£9,000 towards the debt to the bankers of £16,675, and £1,000 to name a bed in one of the "paying rooms," to benefit gentlewomen of small means who are not eligible for the beds in the free wards.

Lord Dysart has promised the last £1,000 if the £16,675 is raised by December 31st. If that is done, the ward for children in the new wing, at present unopened for want of funds, will be named Queen Alexandra Ward.

The Local Government Board have issued a Memorandum, which has been prepared by their architect and medical officer, on the construction and arrangement of inexpensive buildings for the treatment of cases of tuberculosis. It is claimed that in the provision of such institutions forms of construction are adopted which are as economical as is compatible with efficiency.

The Board adhere to the view expressed in their circular letter of December 6th last that a sanatorium for the treatment of early cases of tuberculosis should, where practicable, on grounds both of economy and efficiency, contain not less than 100 beds, and they will be willing, in cases where the population of an area would not justify provision on this scale and it has not been found feasible to arrange for a combination of areas, to consider proposals for providing institutions with fewer beds. Opportunity is again taken to urge the importance of organizing without delay an efficient system of dispensaries for the various areas. The Board are advised that a very large proportion of cases suffering from tuberculosis at any one time can be properly treated at an efficient dispensary, and that the selection of suitable cases for treatment in residential institutions will be more satisfactorily effected where a dispensary system is in operation.

Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption is to be sold owing to the lack of financial support. By its sale the committee hope to concentrate the work at Northwood, which can be enlarged as their means will allow.

Sir G. W. Truscott has been elected treasurer of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, in place of the late Sir Edward Sassoon. The Hospital has received a donation of £250 from the Goldsmiths' Company.

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