

Mr. Harry Lawson cannot be commended for the cruel exploitation of the poor working women on the staff of the London Hospital, whose protection by the State he fears, and with reason. No doubt he realises, as we do, that with legal status women will no longer be content to be sweated of fifty per cent. of their modest earnings—in the name of charity. If the hospital which he helps to manage is in such desperate need of financial support, let its millionaire managers give it out of their superfluous wealth, and not use the miserable pittance a nurse can earn by her very arduous work, in support of the charity!

The nursing profession has suffered much from the ungenerous policy of the officials of the London Hospital. It is now going to make a supreme effort to free itself from this grasping autocracy. We hope to give our oppressors a lively time.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

New Bills for the Registration of Nurses have been introduced in California, Montana, Kansas, Arkansas, Ohio, and Florida. American men are usually very generous towards women, so no doubt they will soon be passed into law. Anyway, it will make forty Legislatures which will have dealt with the question (thirty-four Acts are already working), whilst women in the United Kingdom have been trying to obtain the passage of *one* Bill, by a Parliament of men as indifferent to the protection of the sick as they are to the status and condition of the women of the nation. We are all getting very sick of serfery.

PRIZES AT THE DUBLIN NURSING CONFERENCE.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers the following Prizes under the three following headings, at the Exhibition in connection with the Nursing Conference to be held in Dublin in the first week of June, 1913:—

SECTION 1.—PRACTICAL NURSING INVENTIONS.

To show the inventive genius of nurses.

	£	s.	d.
First Prize	2	2	0
Second Prize	1	1	0

SECTION 2.—NURSING HANDICRAFTS.

To show the manual dexterity of trained nurses in preparing practical appliances used in the nursing of—

1. The Head, including the Throat.
2. The Abdomen, the Digestive Tract.
3. The Abdomen, Kidneys, and Bladder.
4. Gynæcological Nursing.
5. Splints and Bandages.
6. Maternity Nursing.

	£	s.	d.
First Prize	2	2	0
Second Prize	1	1	0

SECTION 3.—NURSES' UNIFORMS.

For a complete set of Dolls dressed in Nursing Uniform as a Sister, Staff Nurse, and Probationer in any Irish Hospital or Institution. Dolls not to be more than twelve inches high.

	£	s.	d.
First Prize	2	2	0
Second Prize	1	1	0

Workmanship will be taken into consideration by the judges in awarding the Prizes.

EXHIBITION MANAGEMENT.

In England.—Hon. Secretary, Miss A. E. Hulme, to whom all communications are to be addressed at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

In Ireland.—Hon. Secretary, Miss J. E. Hughes, to whom all communications are to be addressed at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

IRISH NURSES' INSURANCE.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the committee of the Nurses' Insurance Society of Ireland, held at the office, 29, Gardiner's Place, Dublin, the Secretary read a letter from Queen Alexandra, thanking the President and members of the Society for their kind sympathy in the great sorrow which had befallen her, through the tragic death of her dear brother, the King of the Hellenes.

THE BRITISH RED CRESCENT IN TURKEY.

Sister Lily Warriner sends home the sad news of the serious illness of Sister Obee, who has been removed from St. Stefano Hospital, Constantinople, to the British Seamen's Hospital, Galata, where she is now warded with enteric fever. She is in the second week of the disease, and her many friends will earnestly hope that her strength may be maintained through the anxious weeks which must follow, and that her health may be restored.

The St. Stefano Hospital is now closed, and Sisters Haswell and Park have been sent to Adrianople, an eight hours' journey as a rule, but, owing to the fact that they cannot travel through Bulgaria, they went by way of Constanza and Sophia. Two doctors have been sent with them. Very little nursing news has filtered through from the Balkans and Turkey during the past few weeks; the really interesting things cannot either be written or printed until the war is at an end.

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