

each member in turn is expected to read a paper on some subject of interest.

In the past ten years much good work has been accomplished; amongst its most successful projects has been the School for Massage, which was inaugurated in 1905. It is now a flourishing Society, and saves Irish women much inconvenience and expense, in that they are examined in Dublin by the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses instead of crossing to London as formerly; the first examination was held in 1906.

The latest enterprise has been the formation of a Co-operative Hostel for Nurses.

**THE CO-OPERATIVE HOSTEL FOR NURSES,
34 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN.**

Before starting this Hostel the Matrons thought it wise to take the voice of the Irish Nurses' Association, and find out if such a project would be acceptable to the Nurses. A Circular letter was therefore sent to each member, and the response was so hearty that the Matrons felt justified in embarking on this enterprise.

A grand old house of the Georgian period was leased in St. Stephen's Green, and entry was made in January, 1911. It is an education in itself to live in this house, for it carries one back to bygone days of real romance. The lovely decorations of the walls, the delicate tracery on some of the ceilings, the beautiful wide staircase with its scroll work, the solid mahogany doors, the white marble mantel-pieces (all of exquisite Adam design), and many other beauties, are a daily joy. One can imagine the stately entertainments that must have been given in the lofty rooms more than 100 years ago. It is a good type of one of the many beautiful houses which abound in Dublin, and which date from the Georgian period. By degrees a large Staff of Private Nurses has

been elected, and it is becoming very widely known over the country. The two years of its existence have been most successful financially, the shareholders having been paid their interest for both years, and as time goes on it is hoped that the Nurses working on the Staff will have a share in the profits. In the meantime, all connected with it are doing their very best to work up a good connection and make the Hostel popular. Much depends, naturally, on the nurses themselves; if they are tactful and do well at their cases their fame will spread abroad.

It is expected that many interests in the Nursing World will be gathered up in the Hostel. At present "The Irish Nurses' Association"

have their Headquarters there; also the "Irish Matrons' Association," "The Dublin Metropolitan School for Nurses" hold lectures and examinations, the "Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses" hold examinations, and now a Branch of the I.N.A. for Midwives is being formed, and will naturally meet in the Hostel; and in the future no doubt many other important branches will be added.

Again let it be repeated, if Nurses could only

be made to realize the immense benefit it is to have a Central Meeting Place, they would join in hundreds. Formerly when wrongs required to be righted there was no one to appeal to, but now the whole Nursing Profession in Ireland must have a feeling of security in knowing that it has a powerful Association watching its interests. The Conference which is to be held on June 4th, 5th, and 6th of this year has aroused a widespread interest, and much good will no doubt result from it. It is hoped that all members of the Irish Nurses' Association who are scattered over the country will attend, and go back refreshed and strengthened for



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