

THE DUBLIN NURSING CONFERENCE.

As we go to press the Nursing Conference, convened by the Irish Nurses Association under the auspices of the National Council of Trained Nurses, to which it is affiliated, is holding its first Session in Dublin. We hope to devote a considerable amount of space in our issue of June 14th to a full report of the proceedings, which promise to be of exceptional interest, and we hope that those of our readers who require extra copies will order them early, or disappointment may await them, as experience proves that issues containing reports of professional Conferences are quickly sold out.

The Irish Nurses Association has just published its annual report, so that the latest news concerning it will be available to those interested in its organization. The I.N.A. has always taken a most honourable part in work for the organization of the profession at large.

THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The Report of the official proceedings of the International Council of Nurses at the Cologne Congress last year is now published, and will be on sale on the Literature Stall at the Dublin Conference, as well as on the stand of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in the Exhibition. It may also be ordered from the Treasurer, I.C.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W., price 6d., postage 1d.

THE ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Sir John Jardine, K.C.I.E., M.P., LL.D., President of the Association, presided at the annual meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association, held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Wednesday, May 28th, and moved the adoption of the report, which referred to the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act of 1909, and stated that "there is no justification for the allegations made by irresponsible agitators that the A.W.A. is insensible to the remaining grievances of the rank and file in Asylum Service. . . . specious promises by those who have had but slight experience of the practical difficulties of legislation have lured some of our former adherents from their loyalty (Can this refer to Lord Wolmer's Bill?) and we regret to have to record for the first time for several years a falling off in our membership, which at the end

of 1912 stood at 4,310. There are, however, cheering signs of returning allegiance on the part of several Asylum constituencies." The report also contained a well-merited appreciation of the unselfish work of Dr. Shuttleworth, who resigned this position last year, but consented to carry on the duties of the office provisionally till a successor was appointed. The appointment has not yet been made.

Dr. Campbell, of Larbert District Asylum, seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried. He referred to the work of the President for the Association, and the trouble he had taken to introduce an Amending Bill to remove the anomalies of the 1909 Bill.

Dr. Drapes, of Enniscorthy Asylum, thought that one reason why the membership had fallen off in Ireland was that after the Act was passed attendants thought that, having gained a pension, they had obtained all they were likely to get, and, in Ireland, they did not like putting money down unless they thought they were going to get something on the nail.

Sir John Jardine was re-elected President, and some amendments to the rules adopted.

The following attendants and nurses were then presented by the President with medals for long and meritorious service:—

GOLD.

Mr. T. Darley, of The Retreat, York, with forty years and eight months' continuous service in one Asylum, now Chief Attendant.

Miss D. J. Johnson, of Lancaster County Asylum, with forty years and seven months' continuous service in one Asylum, now Charge Nurse.

SILVER.

Mr. A. McDonald, of Down District Asylum, with thirty-eight years and three months' continuous service in one Asylum, now Head Attendant.

Mrs. S. Neasby, of Darenth Colony, with thirty-six years and seven months' service, now Night Nurse.

BRONZE.

For over twenty-five years' service:—Mr. W. H. Leek, Head Painter Attendant, Worcester Asylum; Mr. D. McArthur, Head Attendant, Wonford House; Mr. J. G. Lamkin, Charge Night Attendant, Darenth Asylum; Mr. T. Neasby, Charge Attendant, Darenth Asylum; Mr. J. Dodkins, Ordinary Attendant, Brooke House; Mr. W. Williams, Charge Attendant, Denbigh Asylum; Mr. J. Marshall, Ordinary Attendant, Barming Heath; Miss A. A. Mingay, Workmistress, Colney Hatch; Miss H. H. Church, Head Nurse, Colney Hatch.

With this most interesting ceremony the meeting terminated, and those present adjourned for tea, hospitably provided.

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