

offshoots can be started in different centres. Any applications will be gladly received by the Branch Secretary, Miss Farrant, 14, Bradford Road, Lewes.

The Summer Meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association took place on Saturday, May 31st, in the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert.

There was a good attendance. Before the business began, Dr. Campbell, Medical Superintendent, very kindly welcomed the members, and, in the course of a few remarks regarding present-day conditions in Mental Hospitals, paid a very high tribute to the valuable work of the Matrons of these Institutions, and its effect in bringing about the improved state of things.

Three new members were admitted, and two honorary members were elected.

The appointment of an Acting Secretary was agreed to, owing to the increase of work consequent on the growth of the Association.

A representative member was chosen to attend the Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, in Hull, in October.

A vote of thanks to Miss M'Gregor, the Matron, for her kind hospitality, concluded the Meeting. Tea was served, and afterwards the members were shown over the various departments of the Asylum.

The School of Nursing at the Winnipeg General Hospital affords the opportunity of a very attractive career to those who desire to nurse in the Dominion of Canada, and just now, owing to a large increase in the beds of the hospital, a number of new probationers are being taken on. The course is for three years, and includes a modified preliminary training of two months in the six months' probationary term, during which time the pupils are under the direct supervision of the Instructor of Nurses, and from the first are taught the correct method of elementary nursing. A graduate dietitian, who is on the teaching staff, is in charge of the ordering and serving of food throughout the hospital, and during the first year lectures are given to the probationers in food values, digestion, absorption, and diet in various diseases, as well as practical demonstrations in the preparation and serving of food. Demonstrations and classes in massage are held during the intermediate year, and there is plenty of opportunity for practice in this branch. The syllabus for the third year includes, in addition to medical and surgical nursing, obstetrical nursing, anaesthetics, and contagious and infectious diseases—a comprehensive programme.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

Amongst the Birthday Honours the King has been pleased to make the following awards of the "Kaisar-i-Hind Medal for Public Service in India" of the First Class:—Lady Dane, wife of Sir Louis Dane, G.C.I.E., C.S.I., retiring Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab. Lady Benson, wife of Sir Ralph Benson, Kt., Judge of the High Court, Madras. The Hon. Christina Philippa Agnes Spence, wife of Major A. H. O. Spence, Assistant Secretary, Army Department.

Immediately after her husband's death, fifteen years ago, Mrs. Alec. Tweedie went off to Finland to write a book. "Through Finland in Carts" was her first "professional" venture, and a very successful one. Edition succeeded edition in England and America. Its lasting popularity has inspired the author to bring it thoroughly up-to-date, and add a new political appendix of present-day events in Finland, and on the position of women there both in and out of politics. Several women are Members of Parliament in Finland. This new volume is published by Thomas Nelson, at one shilling. "Mexico as I Saw It," by the same author, has sold in tens of thousands in the same series; and "Thirteen Years of a Busy Woman's Life," which appeared in October last, is now going into a fifth edition.

COMING EVENTS.

June 13th.—Duke and Duchess of Devonshire entertain Queen's Nurses at Devonshire House, London.

June 19th.—Monthly Meeting, Central Midwives Board, Caxton House, Tophill Street, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

June 24th.—American Fair, in aid of the Funds of the Women's Local Government Society, Kensington Town Hall. 3 to 9 p.m.

June 24th.—Conference convened by the Penal Reform League. The Hon. Secretary will open a discussion on "Women Prisoners for Arrest to Rehabilitation." Chairman, the Rev. W. F. Cobb, D.D. 11, Chelsea Embankment. 3.30 p.m.

June 30th and July 1st.—Conference on Diet, Cookery, and Hygiene, in Public Elementary Schools, and Public and Philanthropic Institutions, for Children and Adolescents, Guildhall, London. 10.30 a.m. to 5.15 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

In this world the one thing supremely worth having is the opportunity, coupled with the capacity, to do well and worthily a piece of work, the doing of which is of vital consequence to the welfare of manhood.—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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