

ments at home have been permitted to dump down in the Colonies, where the training of nurses and their educational standard have been matters of conscientious consideration. State Registration would soon prevent unjust competition.

The Bristol Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses has secured a room at the University for their lectures for this session, and the Branch has been particularly fortunate in securing the services of some of the University men to give the lectures. The first this session was given on November 5th by Professor Faucett, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, on the Human Machine. The lecture, which was most interesting was illustrated by models and specimens and limelight illustrations. The next lecture will be by Dr. Annie Cornall, on the Care of the Pregnant Woman.

PRIZES FOR NURSES AT ABERDEEN.

The Red Cross and National Health Service Exhibition, to be held in Aberdeen from the 16th to 20th of December, is extending its scope of interest and usefulness, with the aid of the nursing profession in Scotland.

Three new sections have been added since our first notice of the Exhibition, notably a Nursing Section, on which the matrons of the Aberdeen Hospitals and Nursing Homes, and the Queen Victoria Jubilee District Home are working. Exhibits bearing on ordinary and district nursing are to be shown; one portion is to be devoted to arranging a hospital corner, where the very latest beds and furniture, etc., will be on view, and demonstrations will be given at intervals. Mrs. Miller, who with Miss Oates went to the Balkans to help the sick and wounded, will arrange a small stand to show photographs of the difficulties under which they worked during the recent war.

In the Housing Section there are to be various models with regard to Rural Housing; and in the School Hygiene Section, statistics will be brought forward showing the value of medical inspection, etc.

PRIZES.

The date for sending in entry forms in connection with the competitions for trained nurses only, has been extended to November 15th. All information can be obtained from the Organising Secretary, Miss D. B. Frost, 41½, Union Street, Aberdeen.

We desire to call our readers' attention to a most useful booklet "Concerning Sex" by C. I. Evans, Esq., M.A., of which a notice appears on page i of our advertisement columns.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

We hear there is a good deal of "feeling" amongst the students at the London Hospital that the new Medical Registrar is a Bart.'s man, as this post is a stepping-stone to the honorary staff. They very naturally argue that if with nearly 1,000 beds and a teaching staff of upwards of sixty no man can be found worthy of promotion, it is high time some reorganisation took place in the medical school. Bart.'s nurses felt this way when they were excluded from promotion to the Matronship in 1910. They still fail to see where the advantage comes in.

The Duchess of Albany will on Friday open the extension of the Florence Nightingale Hospital for Gentlewomen in Lisson Grove.

The first meeting of the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases was held last Friday. The Commissioners decided that future meetings should be held in private, but that a summary of the evidence given at the meetings should be issued to the Press weekly.

The outbreak of scarlet fever which is at present affecting every part of London is the worst since 1906. There are at present some 3,600 cases under treatment, as compared with 2,300 this time last year and 2,190 in 1911. As a result the Metropolitan Asylums Board has had to suspend admissions in some cases, for it has no scarlet fever beds available in the Eastern Hospital at Homerton, the North-Eastern at Tottenham, the North-Western at Hampstead, the South-Western at Stockwell, the Western at Fulham, the Grove and Brooke in South London, the Northern at Winchmore Hill, nor the Joyce Green Hospital. We are informed by a medical man that hundreds of cases are therefore being retained in the homes of the poor, without any adequate means of isolation or nursing.

With reference to reports which have appeared in the Press, announcing the resumption of forcible feeding in prison, the Penal Reform League desires to draw attention to a resolution passed at a meeting in July last, to the following effect:—

"The Executive Committee of the Penal Reform League, having in view the discredit brought on law by what is known popularly as the 'Cat and Mouse Act,' and the injury inflicted thereby on the cause of penal reform, hereby expresses its conviction that when a prisoner who is in prison for conscience sake brings himself by hunger-striking or similar self-discipline to a state of health which, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of the prison in which he is confined, endangers his life, then justice and humanity demand that he be released unconditionally."

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