

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION. THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

It should be the ambition of every well-trained Irish nurse to become a member of the Irish Nurses' Association, which has for so many years done so much to unite the members of the nursing profession in Ireland for their mutual benefit, and through which they can keep in touch with nursing progress in many parts of the world. They should write to, or call on Mrs. Jeffers, the new secretary, at the office of the Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, from whom they are sure of a kind welcome, or a courteous letter.

On March 7th, at the Rooms of the Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dr. William Taylor very kindly delivered a most interesting and instructive Lecture on the preparation of patients for operation and the nursing of them afterwards. There was a large attendance. The Lecture was highly appreciated by all present, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Taylor at the close of his lecture for his kindness.

To our report of the prizes awarded at the Fancy Dress Dance given by the Irish Nurses' Association last month, we would add the name of Miss Lennan of the Children's Hospital, Temple Street, Dublin, who obtained a Second Prize as "The Golliwog," which was admirably carried out in every detail.

An Irish matron writes:—"I hope in the future that the professional organizations of Matrons and Trained Nurses in Scotland will organise and be entirely responsible for a Nursing Exhibition and Conference, on the same basis as that so successfully carried through by the Irish Nurses' Association in Dublin last June. This Conference was a financial success, and what profit is to be made by Nursing Exhibitions and Conferences should be directed into professional channels for the evolution of our professional work. The German Nurses' Association demonstrated this fact at Cologne, much to its credit."

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

The Lady Mayoress of Liverpool presided on April 8th, at a well-attended meeting at the Central Hall convened to inaugurate a Liverpool branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses. The Lady Mayoress intimated that it was desired to provide a headquarters where local members of the Union could meet, and where amongst other facilities a reading room and library would be provided. About £1,000 was required for this purpose, towards which she had already

received promises of £260. She hoped that the balance would be speedily forthcoming.

At this headquarters lectures would be given, and books provided not only on professional but also on social questions. She emphasized the debt owed by the public to the skill of trained nurses, and said that anything which could be done for the comfort and happiness of the nurses would inevitably react for the good of the general public.

Miss A. C. Gibson said that one of the purposes of the Union was to help nurses to live up to the high standard of their chosen vocation. At the present time a much more thorough technical training was required than formerly, and a very complete, thorough and specialized course was required if nurses were to take their true position as the handmaids of the medical profession. But

unless they had also a sympathetic attitude towards outside interests they could never be in the front rank of their profession, however sympathetic their training. Nurses should be infused with a love of their fellow creatures, and desire to do all in their power to increase their own mental and physical equipment for the benefit of their patients. The National Union would assist them in this direction.

Miss Pye, the central secretary, emphasised the aim of the Union as unity not uniformity.

The Hon. Branch Secretary, Miss Tipper, Liverpool Skin Hospital, will be pleased to forward forms to those who wish to join.



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