

AN EVENING PARTY.

It has been decided that a Reunion of Registrationists and their friends, promoted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, shall be held on June 26th, in the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. A Reception will take place, and Lord Ampthill, the Chairman, will attend and address the nurses, who have worked so hard for so many years to organize their profession for the public wellbeing, after which it is proposed that the Party shall be of a more lively description than the usual conversazione. There will be dancing from 9 to 12. In Glasgow and Dublin it has been proved how greatly nurses enjoy music and the relaxation of a dance. The Executive Committee, with the warm approval of Lord Ampthill, have therefore decided that dancing shall be the order of the evening at the forthcoming Reunion. As soon as definite arrangements have been made, they will be announced, and we have no doubt a very large company will attend.

NURSING ECHOES.

The scheme to establish in the East End of London the St. Katharine's College of resident health visitors has been considered by the Public Health Committee of Poplar.

The Mayor of the borough received from the officials of the college a communication stating that the Queen Alexandra, who is patron of the college, had "declared her will that the benefits of the ancient foundation shall be restored to the poor of East London."

Under the scheme the health visitors (women possessing nursing certificates) will act under the direction of the Medical Officers of Health of the Borough Councils in the poorer districts of the East End of London.

"I am permitted to add," the letter continues, "that Queen Alexandra learns that such visiting tends not only to reduce infant mortality, but also to prevent the physical deterioration of the mothers; and, as you are well aware, her Majesty has always promoted by every means the improvement of the public health, especially the health of mothers and children."

The Public Health Committee of the Poplar Borough Council expressed the opinion that the Council should co-operate in giving effect to the scheme.

Boards of Guardians are forced to many makeshifts in the nursing department. The Torrington Board, after much advertising, had one application. They appointed the nurse, who promptly wrote to state that she had obtained another appointment, and withdrew her application. The Matron has had to act as head nurse, and failing to get a nurse, the Guardians propose that the Local Government Board shall sanction this impossible arrangement. A matron has enough to do, to do her own work properly, and cannot possibly perform the practical duty of a head nurse in the wards. We regret to note the lack of honourable dealing of nurses with Boards of Guardians. They constantly apply for a post, are appointed, and then in the rudest manner write to say they have accepted another appointment, and cannot fulfil their engagement. Such conduct is quite unworthy of a well disciplined trained nurse. Indeed, Boards of Guardians are much to be pitied in these days. They often have to pay a good salary for a most inefficient and unmannerly person to act as nurse.

It is good to read of the gratitude of patients to their nurses.

In acknowledgment of the great kindness and many comforts given to him in his failing years, Mr. N. Jagger, of Huddersfield, left £100 to his valued nurse, Isabella Arthur.

Mr. William Bacon, of Lunces Hall, Wivelsfield, gave £100, a small mahogany chest of drawers, and an annuity of £50 to his nurse, Alice Weatherley.

Miss M. A. Nutting is taking her Sabbatical year, and with Miss Goodrich will be in Italy at the end of May. Well do these two devoted women deserve rest and recreation after their untiring work at Teacher's College. They will pay us a visit in England in August.

No nurse should be satisfied with her possessions until she owns the four volumes of "A History of Nursing," by Miss Nutting and Miss Dock. It is a perfect mine of wealth for those who love and honour their work, and is on view at the B.J.N. stand at the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition.

The monumental work opens with the words:—

"The art of Nursing, at once the oldest of the occupations of women and the youngest branch of medical science, must have been co-existent with the first mother who per-

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