

grateful, as the boycott by the London dailies of the trained nurse's point of view on her own affairs keeps their readers in ignorance of the truth.

### "A TRADING CONCERN."

At the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Association of Poor Law Unions in England and Wales, the Council reported at length on the College of Nursing and also on the proposed Nurses' Registration Bill.

Mr. H. List said the paragraph showed that during the year much consideration had been given to the matter. The scheme referred to in the report with respect to amalgamation with the Royal British Nurses had collapsed. So that Mr. Stanley's College was now a trading concern without professional status. They had to wait developments and the matter would be carefully watched. They might get a Government Department to bring in a Bill on the lines of Mr. Stanley's scheme, but it would be very strongly contested. The Council would see that their minimum demands were pressed.

Mr. W. Moorhouse (Wakefield) said they were all agreed on the objects of the College, and because Guardians had provided more hospital beds than all other hospitals in the country, they claimed greater representation on this body, so they should not withhold their support from the Council in their efforts to deal with the question and remove the prejudice which was as great against nurses as it was against Guardians themselves.

The paragraph was adopted.

### THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

The Irish Nursing Board (approved by the Royal College of Surgeons), has convened a Public Meeting, which, by the courtesy of the Royal College of Surgeons, will be held in their Hall at St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on December 14th, at 4.30 p.m. Dr. O'Carroll, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland will take the Chair. The Hon. Albinia Brodrick will be the principal speaker; and indeed, if she is present, that goes without saying. All Nurses are cordially invited to attend, and those who have the true interests of their profession at heart will enjoy a rare treat in listening to the feeling eloquence of this great Irishwoman, who speaks with charm and logic combined—a very rare combination.

The wonderful paper recently read by Miss Brodrick in London and Glasgow is to be published in pamphlet form at an early date. It would serve as a fine Christmas greeting to members of the nursing profession.

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Asylum Workers' Association makes a yearly grant of two gold and two silver medals for long and meritorious nursing service to attendants and nurses on its roll of membership, and still in active Asylum service, or attached to a recognised Nursing Association. In making their selection of candidates, the Central Executive Committee are guided by:—

- (a) Length of Continuity of Service.
- (b) Nature of Service.
- (c) Medical Superintendent's letter or letters of recommendation.

Miss E. A. Montgomery Wilson, Matron of King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, writes:—The demands of the war have created a widespread interest in the nursing profession, and this Hospital is trying to adapt itself to the new requirements. With this object in view a training school for nurses has been established at Anthony House, 30, Newport Road, where candidates for probationership receive eight weeks' preliminary training before entering the wards of the Hospital. A further feature of the new scheme has appealed to a number of applicants, and that is the extension of the period of training from three to five years, with payment for every year of training from the first, increasing to £35 for the fourth year and £40 the fifth year. Another feature is the annual presentation of gold, silver, and bronze medals (the gifts of Sir William James Thomas) for the three best nurses of the year. The next term for the preliminary training will commence early in the year, so candidates should send in their applications without delay.

We are glad to learn that the Somerset County Nursing Association has recently decided to raise the salary of its Nurses under agreement to £1 a week for first year, £1 2s. for second year, and £1 4s. for the third year, and to adopt a bonus scheme of from £5 to £10. We are always glad to note efforts made to increase the salaries of nurses, especially those who have to provide everything on a few shillings a week. No doubt, when the Ministry of Health is established, it will control the nursing of the poor, and insist upon an adequate salary for efficient service. Voluntary associations have done good work in the past, but, as charitable efforts, standards of nursing and remuneration have fallen far short of what our sick poor deserve. Personally, we are so sick of charity in connection with Nursing, that we look forward to the time when all Public

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