

nurses on the application of the Act. There is to be a meeting in Dublin on the 19th inst., convened by the Irish Matrons' Association. We hope the question of preventives will be discussed. There is nothing immoral in such precautions, as some silly people seem to surmise.

NURSES' HOMES OR CAGES ?

Miss Jentie Paterson (a late Sister at Guy's), who recently addressed the nurses at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, on the College of Nursing, Ltd., and State Registration, asked permission from the Matrons of the Royal Infirmary and the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, to speak to the respective nursing staffs of those institutions. We regret to learn that permission was refused, and Miss Paterson advised to call a public meeting for the purpose! As Matrons associated with the College have eagerly made arrangements to have their own views presented to their nurses, they should realise the nurses have a right to hear both sides. Hospitals are public institutions, and it is high time a more liberal and healthy atmosphere prevailed in their Nursing Homes. If the College constitution and policy are so indisputably right, why fear to let the nurses hear them criticised? Those Matrons and Medical Superintendents who shirk free discussion on the College constitution have little faith in the system of control they are attempting to thrust upon the Nursing Profession.

THE IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association was held at 34, Stephen's Green, on Saturday, January 5th, at 7 p.m.; Miss Carson Rae in the chair. Also present: Miss O'Flynn, Miss Ramsden, Miss Reeves, Miss Hill, Miss Eddison, Miss Bradburne, Miss Thornton, Miss Huxley, Miss Hezlett, and Miss Hughes.

The Honorary Officers for 1918 were elected—Miss Thornton, R.R.C., President; Miss Reeves, Hon. Sec.; and Miss Bradburne, Hon. Treasurer.

After discussing the question of giving concessions to V.A.D.s who wished to enter hospitals for training as Nurses, the following resolution proposed by Miss Reeves and seconded by Miss Hill, was unanimously passed:—

"This Meeting is of opinion that three years' training in the wards of a recognised training school or schools is essential to entitle the V.A.D. to the Certificate of a Trained Nurse."

This resolution to be sent to the various training schools.

It was also arranged that a meeting should be held at 34, Stephen's Green, on January 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; when Mrs. Kingsley Tarpey, representing the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, will speak on the application of the Act to Ireland.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association was held on January 5th, at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

A letter from Miss Jentie Paterson, which appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, was considered, and it was decided that in future the I.N.A. would welcome all members of the N.U.T.N. and the S.N.A. as Hon. Members of the Irish Nurses' Association and give them all the privileges of members except the right to attend business meetings and to vote.

The Midwives Bill was discussed and Miss Ramsden and Miss Carson-Rae gave particulars of two meetings of the Parliamentary Committee of the Royal College of Physicians at which they had been present as delegates from the I.N.A. At these meetings amendments to the Bill were considered and were sent forward to the Members of Parliament interested in the Bill.

CLASSES IN ANATOMY FOR MASSAGE STUDENTS.

Many massage students who have felt the need of the exact knowledge of anatomy only to be obtained by a study of the cadaver, will learn with pleasure that classes in anatomy for massage students, with demonstrations on the cadaver, will be given on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays throughout the spring term, at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, 8, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C. 1. The first demonstration will be given on Monday, January 14th, at 5.30 p.m. The demonstrations will be under the direction of Dr. Mary Lucas-Keene, and Dr. Joyce Partridge, and application should be made to the Warden, Mrs. L. M. Brooks for particulars as to fees.

THE "PARTINGTON" PARTY.

About 20 very ill-advised Peers of the Realm have formed themselves into a Committee to fight the clause in the Reform Bill, extending the franchise to women, on the committee stage, and at every other opportunity that presents itself during the passage of the Bill through the House of Lords. It seems incredible to persons in touch with the times—and such times—that there are even twenty members in the Upper House ready to take up such an impossible position. They are, of course, known as the "Partington" Party.

I'd rather be a Could Be
If I couldn't be an Are,
For a Could Be is a May Be,
With a chance at touching Par;
I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Might Have Been, by far,
For a Might Have Been has never been,
But a Has was once an Are.

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