

25th, at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, the Offices of the Ministry of Health.

We think the Chief Secretary for Ireland has done very well in selecting the Council from the names submitted to him. The pioneers of Nursing Reform in Ireland—the Irish Nurses and the Irish Matrons' Associations—are represented by their Presidents, Miss Alice Reeves and Miss Michie.

Miss M. Huxley, founder of the Dublin Technical School for Nurses, will secure consideration for higher theoretical and practical education of Nurses.

The members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., will now come into touch with the aspirations of the Irish State Registration Party, and, we have no doubt, will help the Nurses to attain them.

District Nursing, Children's Nursing, Maternity and Midwifery, and Private Nursing have practical exponents on the Board.

The medical representatives are all men held in high esteem, and—as it should be on the Irish Nurses' Educational and Governing Body—the laity has very limited power.

We would, however, emphasise the fact that all members of the Council are first servants of the State; that they represent the Profession of Nursing as a whole, and not the Nurses' Organisations to which they belong. "One for all, and all for one" must be the inspiration of their work; then we shall soon see the marked reforms in the education, economic security, and status of Irish Nurses, which we have been privileged to advocate for the past quarter of a century.

It will be the duty of the registered electorate to take a keen interest in their own professional affairs, to encourage and help their General Nursing Council; its duties are arduous and difficult, but we feel sure its devotion will be equal to their performance.

As the only Professional Nurses' newspaper, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, advocate of State Registration of Nurses, rejoices to-day with the Irish Nursing World now entering upon a new dispensation.

THE NURSE AND THE STATE.

Dr. D. M. Falkiner read a sympathetic paper on "The Nurse and the State" before the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland in Dublin on the 13th inst., from which we hope to quote at some length next week. Several of the new nurse "Councillors" took part in the discussion.

THE NURSING PAGEANT.

THE EVOLUTION OF TRAINED NURSING AND THE RIGHT OF LIFE TO HEALTH.

Much time is being devoted by the busiest people to the organization of the Nursing Pageant, which is to be presented by the Royal British Nurses' Association and its Affiliated Societies on April 15th next, at the Wharncliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, at 8.30 p.m.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, President of the Association, will honour the occasion with her presence, and the limited number of tickets, 500 in all, will, we feel sure, be eagerly bought, and to prevent disappointment, the sooner they are applied for the better. The Pageant was created and designed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the beautiful words, written in heroic English, are by Miss M. Mollett, whose great literary talents are very rare.

The scope of the Pageant includes five Processions:—

1. Procession of Immortals, led by the great Goddess of Health, Hygeia, attended by Earth, Air, Fire, and Water, who support her on the platform, from which the Goddess speaks the Prologue. Included in this Procession are:—

(a) The Spirit of Nursing, attended by her attributes—Compassion, Kindness, Gentleness, Modesty, Courage, Patience, Devotion, and Endurance.

(b) The Science of Nursing, attended by Truth, who is supported by Mental Purity and Moral Beauty.

Knowledge, supported by Observation, Diligence, Understanding, and Intellectual Discipline.

2. Procession of Saintry Women and the Nursing Orders, led by Agamedé the Fair-haired (*The Iliad*), "who knew all drugs, so many as the wide earth nourisheth," and including great philanthropic Queens, and queenly women, and Sisters and Brothers of the Nursing Orders who throughout the centuries sympathised with suffering, ending with Elizabeth Fry.

3. Education, a Procession of Hospital Matrons, carrying the Bannerettes of Florence Nightingale, Isla Stewart, Isabel Hampton Robb, Agnes Jones, Catherine Loch, R.R.C., Edith Cavell, and Jane Delano, who present a Petition to Hygeia, and plead for "fuller knowledge . . . and more light."

4. Nursing and the Community, a Procession of Nurses, who represent Lay Nurses of the

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