

IRELAND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Two of the most important Hospitals in Dublin are now advertising for Superintendents, with the object, it is believed, of inaugurating long-needed reforms.

The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.

THE Rotunda Hospital, which has gained a world-wide reputation for the training of its students in Midwifery and Obstetrics, has been lamentably behind the age in its arrangements for its Nursing Staff. The report shows that no separate accommodation is provided for the Nurses, either as regards bedrooms or sitting-rooms. It is believed that the Committee are fully alive to the need of reform in these and other matters, and are prepared heartily to co-operate with whoever may obtain the appointment. There would be a great field for anyone possessing the knowledge, tact, and energy which would be requisite for the task of re-organization, and success will be heartily wished to whoever may undertake it. The salary offered is £80 per annum. Candidates' testimonials must be lodged with the Registrar before the 1st of October.

Mercer's Hospital.

MERCER'S HOSPITAL (probably the oldest Hospital in Dublin) is also preparing to elect a new Matron. The reports of the Inspecting Committee of the Hospital Sunday Fund have called public attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which the work of this Hospital has been done, and it will be a subject of congratulation to all interested in the Institution if future reports should present a more favourable view of its condition. The salary offered is small (only £50 per annum); but a conscientious worker might find here a good opportunity of showing her capabilities, and winning a reputation which would be of more value to her than a larger remuneration in a post where her abilities would have less scope. Applications should be sent in on, or before, the last day of September.

Sectarian Nursing.

THE following facts may be interesting as showing under what difficulties Hospital work in Ireland, especially in the country parts, has to be carried on. The account is taken from a contemporary. A candidate applied to the Matron of the Clare Infirmary, in the usual way, to be received as a Probationer, and, being considered suitable, was appointed by that lady. The appointment was, however, viewed with dissatisfaction by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese, owing to the fact that the new Probationer

was a Protestant, and a letter was addressed to the Board objecting on this ground to her election. It was admitted that Miss M'Donnell (the Matron) had rendered valuable services to the Institution, and had made other appointments of Nurses in the same way, to which no objection was taken. It was, however, alleged that those had been made without the sanction of the Board. This statement Miss M'Donnell disproved by pointing to cheques signed by the Board for these Nurses. An attempt was then made to prove that there had been an understanding that none but Roman Catholic Probationers should be appointed; but she emphatically denied that she knew of any such understanding, or that any direction had been given her on the subject. At a meeting of the Board of Governors a resolution was passed, after a spirited resistance on the part of a few independent electors, to the effect that the appointment was not confirmed because of the alleged understanding, and because the sanction of the Committee had not been first obtained. Miss M'Donnell (who had been giving her services without receiving any salary), regarding this treatment as unjust, and the resolution as a vote of censure, immediately resigned. The Matronship is now vacant.

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