

At the conclusion of the lecture Mr. Musgrave presented to Miss Smith a lovely bouquet of roses—the flower of England—on behalf of the City Branch of the Society, and a vote of thanks was presented to her, moved by Lady Vesey Strong and seconded by Lady Baddeley. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Governors of the Hospital for the use of the Hall, and to the Chairman.

Those who pass along Little Britain, E.C., nowadays see a new landmark, the first portion of Queen Mary's Home for Nurses, which it is hoped may be sufficiently completed to permit of inspection during the week of the Octocentenary celebrations. To tread the floors of the Home which for forty years has been a will-of-the-wisp to generations of Bart.'s nurses will not be the least of the pleasures of that historic week. From its flat roof there should be a fine view of the Dome of St. Paul's, and its surroundings, which has charmed those with eyes to see during their years of residence in the grand old hospital.

We learn with pleasure that at the three-days' bazaar held at the General Infirmary, Leeds, last week, to raise money for the proposed extension of the Nurses' Home at the Infirmary, organised by the Nursing Staff, the receipts are already well over £3,200, and there is still quite a good sum of money to come in. The bazaar was opened by the Lord Mayor (Alderman F. Fountain).

The increasing cost of Nursing Schools is a question which general hospital Committees have under consideration, and no doubt, now that nursing education has to be considered in earnest, and a teaching staff appointed, and paid, the Nightingale School system, where pupils pay an honorarium, may have to be adopted. Personally we approve of the system. In the 'seventies educated probationers were called upon in many hospitals to pay a guinea a week for one year. They were relieved of some domestic drudgery in return, but in these days regular probationers have been relieved of much ward work which P.P.s had to do in our day. We appear to have covered the circle, and it will not be unreasonable in the future, when thorough theoretical and practical teaching must be paid for, in preparing pupils for the State Examination and Registration, that parents should contribute to the professional education of their daughter stu-

dent of nursing, as they have to do for their son and daughter student of medicine.

We have received the following letter from Dublin, since which time we have written to the Governor of the North Dublin Union Prison asking for news of Miss Albinia Brodrick. The world to-day is indeed a sad, sad place:—

DEAR MADAM,—In reference to your paragraph under "Nursing Echoes," concerning the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, I regret to say that she is at present on hunger strike in Prison at the North Dublin Union. She has been on hunger strike now since her arrest fourteen days ago, and as the prisoners' letters and parcels have been stopped since May 6th, it is difficult to obtain information as to her condition.

Yours faithfully,

K. N. PRICE.

29, South Anne-street, Dublin,  
May 10th, 1923.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

We have pleasure in announcing that the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on Thursday, June 14th, and will be open to all members of the affiliated Leagues and Associations. The Chair will be taken by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

So far the arrangements are as follows:—

- 1 p.m.—Luncheon for those who desire it, by arrangement with Miss Isabel Macdonald
- 2.30.—Meeting of the Grand Council and members of affiliated Societies.

#### AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Correspondence.
3. Report of Hon. Secretary.
4. Financial Statement of Hon. Treasurer.
5. Election of Hon. Officers.
6. Applications of Societies for Admission to the Council.
7. Papers and Discussions on Nursing Activities at home and abroad.
8. Report and Discussion on the forthcoming Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors, Finland, in 1925.
9. Other Business.

Further details will be issued later. Members of National Councils of Nurses from European Countries or British Dominions will be warmly welcomed as fraternal delegates.

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