

Annotations.**IRISH MATRONS AND THE QUEEN.**

Upon the initiative of Miss Margaret Huxley, Lady Superintendent of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and Vice-Chairman of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, it was last week suggested that an Address should be presented to the Queen, and Her Majesty having graciously consented to receive it, steps were at once taken to arrange the details of the Address, Miss Huxley acting as Chairwoman and Mrs. Tracy, the Directress of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, as Hon. Secretary. We heartily congratulate the Matrons of the Irish capital upon taking their place as a body of professional women, and associating themselves together for the purpose of expressing their loyal devotion to the Sovereign Head of the United Kingdom. It is also good to observe that by invitation of the Queen the Matrons of the Dublin Hospitals assembled on the afternoon of Thursday at the Viceregal Lodge to the number of thirty-three. On arrival they were met by Colonel Carrington, who informed them as to the procedure that was to be followed. The Matrons formed into line in front of the Viceregal Lodge, and as the Queen drove out the carriage approached the Matrons, and Her Majesty signified her pleasure that the senior Matron, Miss Huxley, should be presented. The presentation having been made, and Her Majesty having graciously conversed with Miss Huxley for a few moments, the Queen passed slowly along the line, bowing and smiling charmingly to all in turn. Her Majesty shortly afterwards retired, and the Matrons were then entertained to tea in the Lodge. The company were also photographed in the grounds, and left the Viceregal Lodge shortly after five o'clock, charmed and pleased with their experience. The following were the Matrons present:—Miss Huxley, Sir Patrick Dun's; Miss Lyons, Meath Hospital; Mrs. Kildare Tracy, City of Dublin Nursing Institution; Miss A. Lyons, Children's Hospital; Miss E. Lyons, Red Cross House; Miss M'Donnell, Richmond Hospital; Miss West, North Dublin Union; Mrs. Leeson, Westmoreland Lock Government Hospital; Miss Shelly, Orthopædic Hospital of Ireland; Miss Powell, Charlemont Street Hospital; Miss Sneyd, Miss Agnew, Convalescent Home, Stillorgan; Mrs. Burton, Dublin Nursing Institution; Miss M'Givney,

Mater Miserecordiæ Hospital; Miss Kelly, Dr. Stevens's; Miss Porter, Drumcondra; Miss Tierney, Nurses' Home, Blackhall Street; Miss Egan, Coombe Hospital; Miss Brady, Jervis Street Hospital; Miss Rae, Cork Street Hospital; Miss Wall, St. Mark's Ophthalmic; Miss Shuter, the Royal City of Dublin Hospital; Miss Ramsden, Rotunda Hospital; Miss Hosford, the National Eye and Ear Infirmary; Miss Hampson, Hospital, Portobello; Miss Bradshaw, the Royal Hospital for Incurables; Miss A. M'Givney, the Children's Hospital, Temple Street; Miss Law, Stewart Institution, Palmerstown; Miss Spratt, National Lying-in Hospital, Hollis Street; Miss J. Powell, Mercer's Hospital; Miss Violet Roberts, Miss Fitzpatrick, the Adelaide Hospital; Miss Campbell, St. Vincent's Hospital.

ADDRESS OF DUBLIN NURSES TO THE QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We the undersigned Matrons and Nurses of Dublin desire respectfully to approach Your Majesty, and to offer our heartfelt greetings on the occasion of your visit to Dublin. We beg to tender our gratitude for the gracious interest which Your Majesty and the Royal Family have shown in fostering the progress of trained nursing of the sick from the time of its initiation by Miss Florence Nightingale.

We also desire to express the great happiness we feel at your presence amongst us, and we earnestly trust that your sojourn in Ireland may be of much benefit to Your Majesty's health.

CEYLON NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Ceylon Nursing Association appears to be by no means in a sound condition financially. Its liabilities, including a loan on mortgage, debt to bankers, due to sundry creditors, and salaries due to nurses amount to 8,797 rupees, while the debts due to the Association are 603 rupees. It is not surprising, therefore, that criticisms, no doubt in the best interests of the society, were freely expressed at the annual meeting. One gentleman remarked that he considered the Association owed too much money, especially to the nurses. It is to be hoped that Mr. Blacklaw, the new chairman, will succeed in freeing the Association from debt and making its financial position a sound one. It is a pity so useful a society should be in such an impecunious condition.

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