

place in London or all that takes place in Dublin; but I do ask you to embrace this opportunity of banding yourselves together that you may exchange opinions on questions that affect your profession from every side that you may be entitled to be heard as the voice of the Irish nurses, to make yourselves acquainted with what is going forward in the nursing world, to form sound opinions on those subjects, and to state them at suitable times. This is the duty of every nurse. It is unworthy to stand aside allowing others to do the work, and merely to act as critics—or should I say grumblers—when the work is done.

In conclusion, I thank you heartily for the welcome you have given me, and the hospitality extended to me, and I must express my pleasure in being with you on this auspicious occasion, and I give you my best wishes for your usefulness and future success.

RULES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Miss Workman read the rules of the Association.

Miss Bostock, Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, moved "That we form here in Belfast a branch of the Irish Nurses' Association, and that it be called the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association, the Ulster Branch reserving the right to amend the rules of the said Association in connection with their branch if they deem it desirable to do so." Miss Wood seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Miss Gilbert moved, Miss White, Lady Superintendent, Society for Nurses for Sick Poor, seconded, and it was passed, that if a sufficient number of Nurses joined the Ulster Branch a club-room be opened in Belfast.

It was moved by Miss MacTaggart, Lady Superintendent, Hospital for Sick Children, seconded by Miss Johnston, and carried, that Lady Hermione Blackwood be President of the Ulster Branch, and that Miss Bostock be Vice-President.

Miss May moved, Miss Melville seconded, and it was passed, that Miss Workman be hon. secretary and treasurer, and that Miss Wood, Miss Newman and Miss MacTaggart form the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Miss Bostock, seconded by Miss Lancaster, it was carried that a vote of thanks be given to Miss Huxley for her kindness in coming from Dublin to address the meeting, to President Hamilton for granting them the use of the Examination Hall, to Miss Workman for the trouble she had taken, and for her indefatigable energy in acting as temporary hon. secretary on behalf of that movement.

Miss Huxley and Miss Workman suitably replied.

A vote of thanks was, on the motion of Miss Bostock, accorded to Miss Duffin for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, who is on a visit to Ireland this week, has addressed the Irish Nurses' Association on the subject of Co-operation, a subject in which the Association has proved that it takes an effective interest.

Royal British Nurses' Association.

THE NURSES' ENSLAVEMENT BILL.

A Special General Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Wednesday, February 7th, with the object of considering the following Resolution:—"That the Resolutions passed at the Special General Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association held on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, 1906, be rescinded, and that the draft Bill be re-introduced in the form in which it left the Special Meeting of the General Council held on Monday, January 8th, 1906."

The chair was taken by Sir James Crichton Browne, and supporting him on the platform were the old gang—Dr. Bezly Thorne, Mr. Pickering Pick, Dr. Comyns Berkeley, and Dr. Godson—who have stood between the nurses and all justifiable authority in their own Association for the last ten years. The lack of support of their medical colleagues was very noticeable. Not more than three medical men were present in the body of the room. The room was crowded with nurses, a whip having evidently been sent out to the Chartered Nurses' Society and other nurses in the employ of the Hon. Officers on whose votes they could rely.

Sir James Crichton Browne opened the proceedings by calling upon Dr. Comyns Berkeley, Medical Hon. Secretary, to read the notice convening the meeting. When the latter stated that at the last special meeting a resolution was moved by a person who was not entitled to do so, there were loud cries of "Name, name." No notice whatever was taken of this legitimate request, except that the Hon. Secretary raised his voice and hurried on, and the Chairman blustered about having taken legal advice, from which it may be presumed that more of the nurses' money has been spent on this last attempt for their subjugation.

LETTERS OF PROTEST.

Strong letters of protest were read from the following ladies:—Miss Wortabet (Thursley), Miss Wilson (Matron, Cardiff Infirmary), Miss M. P. Thomson (Matron, Sunderland Infirmary), and Miss Dickson (Rochester). Miss Dickson protested against the wholesale sweeping away of the clauses carried by the last meeting, because of the slackness in the conduct of business on that occasion. Miss Montgomery Wilson asked for adequate representation for nurses on their Central Board. Miss Thomson considered it an insult to suggest one nurse to represent 80,000 nurses. The responsibility for the discipline of nurses was at present in the hands of the nursing profession, which was quite capable of managing its own affairs.

A letter was read from Mrs. Strong, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, who has recently rejoined the Association, sending a donation of £2 towards the expenses of the Bill. Mrs. Strong is accredited, as a member of the Bill Sub-Committee, with having approved the drastic removal of six out of the seven direct representatives of the nurses.

The Resolution which the meeting was called to consider was then proposed by Dr. Comyns Berkeley and seconded by Miss Kuys.

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