

application of the Act to Ireland would, if carried into effect, prove most detrimental to the Irish hospitals, the training institutions for nurses in Ireland, and Irish nurses."

He said he was there on behalf of the nursing school at the North Infirmary. They were fully in accord with the object for which it had been called. The necessity for the registration of duly qualified nurses had been long apparent to them. They were naturally very much disappointed when they learned that the Act of Parliament which the nursing bodies had been looking forward to was not to be extended to Ireland. It would affect them very much in the future should this take place, as the nurses who would receive training at their hands would be practically deprived of the opportunity of competing in England and Scotland for situations with those who were fortunate in going through their course in those countries. He showed how Irish nurses at the present time were holding positions of responsibility in the United Kingdom with credit to themselves and their country. Were all these—their country women—to be deprived of State recognition of their qualifications, and patient, anxious trying work, or were they to enjoy the status and standard proposed to be extended to their English and Scotch sisters? Common justice demanded there should be no difference, and that all should be treated on equal terms. Too few avenues for employment were open to women, and he very much feared there would be one less if the Irish nursing schools were not to come under the operations of the proposed Act. Nurses with their diplomas and standard of excellence from other countries would, in future, absorb the leading positions as they became vacant in Ireland to the detriment of those who were now going through their probationary course.

Mr. KELLY, in seconding the resolution, said the case might be put in a nutshell—what was good for England and Scotland in this matter was also good for Ireland.

Sister ALBENS said the exclusion of Ireland from the Bill would not only be very detrimental to the status of Irish trained nurses, but would also inflict a great injustice upon them by preventing them practising in Great Britain, and would directly reflect on the teaching of the profession and Irish training institutions. The passing of the Bill should be conditional on its giving Irish nurses the same representation qualification and status which it gave to English and Scottish members of the nursing profession. In competitive examinations both the natural abilities and acquired skill of Irish trained nurses would very favourably compare with that of their

English and Scottish sisters. Of seventy-nine nurses who left the South Infirmary 38 accepted posts in England, and two in Scotland. One of their nurses had moreover gone to India, five to America, and two accepted Union appointments in Ireland. In conclusion, Sister Albens suggested that a special vote of thanks be passed to Mrs. Kildare Treacy, who had been exceptionally kind in this matter, and who had gone to great trouble to provide all the necessary information.

The Resolution was then carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION III.

Mr. HODDER then proposed:

"That copies of the resolutions be sent to Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary, the Local Government Board, and to each of the members of Parliament for the city and county of Cork."

This was seconded by Mr. McNAMARA supported by Mrs. ARMSTRONG, and carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION IV.

The next resolution was proposed by Dr. TOWNSEND, as follows:

"That a committee be formed of those present at that meeting, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of keeping a close watch that the Irish nurses should be included in the Registration Bill, at the same time, on the same conditions, and under the same statutory authority, as the English and Scottish nurses."

This was seconded by Mrs. WATERS and carried unanimously, and the meeting terminated.

#### TO OUR READERS.

In response to enquiries from correspondents in Ireland we beg to notify that the **BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING** may be obtained from Messrs. Fannin and Co., 41, Grafton Street, Dublin, price 1d.

#### WELCOME HELP.

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

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#### THE AUSTRALASIAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association was a momentous one, as the business transacted included the discussion of a Draft Bill for the State Registration of Nurses, which was put before the meeting by the Council as one of the last acts of their term of office. We await with great interest the report of the proceedings.

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