

nurses, owe him a deep debt of gratitude. . . . If there is any way I can be associated with you in the vote of thanks please allow me to be, for I feel most grateful to him for his disinterested work in such a good cause."

#### RESOLUTION I.

Miss Stewart then moved from the chair the following Resolution:—

"This meeting of Trained Nurses desires to express its very sincere gratitude to the Right Honourable the Lord Ampthill for his generous support of the Nurses' Registration Bill, for the courteous consideration which his Lordship has given to every representation made to him on behalf of Trained Nurses, and for his powerful advocacy of the Bill, which has so largely conduced to the successful passage of that measure through the House of Lords this Session. This meeting earnestly hopes that it may continue to receive his Lordship's invaluable support until it has been passed into law."

In moving the resolution, Miss Stewart gave a brief survey of the progress of the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Lords, from the time of the rejection of the "Official Directory of Nurses Bill," showing how much nurses owed to Lord Ampthill for his "able generalship." She described the attack made on the Bill during the debate on the third reading, and said that Lord Ampthill made one of the most able speeches she had ever heard in its defence, which was most sympathetically received by the House of Lords. His advocacy of the Nurses' Cause had meant a great deal of hard work, and he had engineered the Bill through the various stages and difficulties in a most masterly way. It gave her the very greatest pleasure to move a most cordial vote of thanks to Lord Ampthill for his generous advocacy.

Lady Hermione Blackwood, President of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association, warmly supported the Resolution, and said that as an Irish Nurse she fully recognised the deep debt of gratitude nurses owe to Lord Ampthill. There was tremendous rejoicing in Ireland when the Bill passed the Lords, and on Saturday last the Irish Nurses' Association had met and passed a vote of thanks to Lord Ampthill, and to the Irish Peers who had supported the Bill.

Miss Barton, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, also supported the resolution. She said she felt most strongly the great boon and advantage the Nurses' Registration Bill would confer on Poor Law Nurses, many of whom she knew would desire to be associated with her in supporting the vote of thanks.

The following ladies also cordially supported the Resolution:—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, National Council of Trained Nurses, who, as Hon. Secretary of the State

Society, spoke of Lord Ampthill's whole-hearted and splendid work for the Bill; Miss Cox Davies, President, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses; Miss Breay, Matrons' Council; Miss Griffin, School Nurses' League; Miss K. Walker, League of St. John's House Nurses; Miss Hurlston, Registered Nurses' Society (Co-operative Nurses); and Miss Beatrice Kent, Nurses' Lodge.

The Resolution was then carried unanimously and enthusiastically, by acclamation.

#### RESOLUTIONS II. AND III.

The following Resolutions were then moved by Miss Cox Davies, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses:—

"This meeting desires to express to the Right Honourable the Earl of Crewe its sincere gratitude for the kind consideration which his Lordship, as Leader of the House of Lords, has been good enough to extend to the Nurses' Registration Bill, and earnestly hopes that it may continue to receive his Lordship's invaluable support until it has been passed into law."

"This meeting desires to express to the Most Honourable the Marquess of Lansdowne its sincere gratitude for the kind consideration which his Lordship, as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, has been good enough to extend to the Nurses' Registration Bill, and earnestly hopes that it may continue to receive his Lordship's invaluable support until it has been passed into law."

Miss Cox Davies said it was quite unnecessary to say more than a few words, for the whole meeting was quite unanimous. It was impossible to estimate the value of the services rendered by Lord Ampthill, but, equally, the support of Lord Crewe and Lord Lansdowne had been all important.

The Resolutions were seconded by Miss H. L. Pearse, Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council, who emphasised the advantage of support on both sides of the House. Both resolutions were carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION IV.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick moved the next Resolution:—

"This meeting of Trained Nurses desires to express its satisfaction that the attempt to eliminate the organised Nurses' Societies from representation upon the First Registration Council, provided for in the Nurses' Registration Bill, has failed in the House of Lords.

"It further desires to put on record its conviction that no Governing Body will meet with the approval of the Nursing Profession at large unless the organised workers are directly represented upon it."

Mrs. Fenwick said there was a great deal behind this Resolution. For twenty years nurses who were working for the organisation of nurs-

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