

one of the fine old class rooms of the historic Bluecoat School. Here a lovely bouquet of rose pink carnations and lilies of the valley was presented to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick by one of the senior Sisters, Miss Shrivess, Sister of Paget Ward, who made a graceful little speech, thanking her for her work on behalf of registration, and greatly pleasing the recipient of the bouquet by reminding her it was "her favourite pink."

Mrs. Fenwick, who was evidently greatly charmed by the warm reception given to her at "dear old Bart's," said that after years of ceaseless work for what appeared impossible ideals, those ideals had suddenly become realities, and although much remained to be done, the principles for which they had fought so long had now been accepted by the House of Lords after keen opposition. Now they had to win the House of Commons, and she was happy to know that they had good friends in every party in the House, and the Government were benevolently disposed towards the aspirations of trained nurses. To Lord Ampthill the sincerest gratitude was due from every nurse in the Kingdom. He had championed an unpopular cause, and by his buoyant courage, and kindness, had won the approval of a large majority of his peers for the Nurses' Registration Bill. On Tuesday, when a Vote of Thanks was to be offered to him, she hoped the room would be crowded out with grateful nurses.

Someone seated at the piano then struck up a waltz, and away flew Sisters and Nurses tip-toeing with grace and agility. It was a bright and significant scene—Matron beaming around, never so happy as when those about her are gay, and the wonderful vitality of those bright young women, who, after a long day's work, were quite ready to dance till midnight, was just fine. Indeed, is not this the working woman's time and hour?

Before good-night was said, healths were drunk in non-intoxicating cup, and hearty cheers resounded through the fine old hall—the last but by no means least being "Good luck to the Nurses' Bill in the House of Commons."

#### REGISTRATION AT CHELSEA INFIRMARY.

By the invitation of Miss Barton, the well-known Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, Mrs. Fenwick will speak at a meeting of Poor Law Infirmary Nurses on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., on the Nurses' Registration Bill. Miss Barton has taken an active and consistent part in the work for State Registration for many years, and has done much to help the movement towards success.

### Irish Nurses' Association.

The opening General Meeting of the above Association took place at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, on Saturday evening, November 14th, at 7.30 o'clock. The President (Miss Ramsden, Matron, Rotunda Hospital) occupied the chair.

The minutes were read by Miss Cherry, the Secretary.

The President gave an address, and in the course of her remarks, enlarged on the great efforts which had been made by the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the re-inclusion of Ireland in the Registration Bill, now an accomplished fact. She impressed on all present that without organisation this would have been impossible, and urged them to try and get new members. Subscriptions towards defraying the necessary cost of printing and stamps used for memorialising peers and other public people were needed, and such expense would fall on a few if nurses did not help with their money as well as their interest.

After all, what was done and doing is more for the benefit of the future generation of nurses than even for the present, but still all now would benefit, and they ought to be public-spirited enough to know that such strenuous efforts could not be made without cost. She paid a high tribute to Mrs. Kildare-Treacy, Hon. Secretary to the Sub-Committee of the Executive, whose correspondence had been simply immense, and she wondered how she had possibly got through it in addition to her own arduous labours. She (Mrs. K. Treacy) is now one of the six directors of the National Council of Nurses, and Miss Huxley and Miss Carson-Rae have also been appointed as delegates from the Irish Nurses' Association.

Miss Hannan, Matron, National Maternity Hospital, proposed a resolution which was seconded by Miss Lamont, Q.J.N., "that the sincere and grateful thanks of the members of the I. N. Association be conveyed to the Irish Members of the House of Lords, especially to Lord Ashbourne, who had charge of the I.N.A. amendments, Lord Mayo, Lord Roberts, the Earl of Donoughmore, and other Irish Peers, for their generous support and able conduct of the Nurses' Registration Bill through the Upper House." Miss Hannan spoke as follows:—

Madam President and Ladies,—The gratitude of all Irish Nurses is due not only to the Irish members of the House of Lords, but to other eminent Irishmen, who, by their united efforts emphasised the claims of Irish Nurses to be included in the Registration Bill, viz.:

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