

## THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### MISS ALICE REEVES, R.R.C.

The portrait of Miss Alice Reeves, President of the Irish Nurses' Association, will be received with much pleasure by our readers. Many members of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will remember the delightful hospitality which they received from her at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital when it met in conference in Dublin in 1913, and the personal charm of their hostess.

Miss Reeves was trained and held the post of Sister at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, until her appointment as Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital. In November last she was appointed Lady Superintendent of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, a most interesting old hospital, and excellent nurse-training school.

Miss Reeves' interest in public work for her profession is shown by the fact that she holds or has held the appointments of Vice-President and now President of the Irish Nurses' Association, Hon. Secretary of the Irish Matrons' Association, and that she is one of the delegates of the Irish Nurses' Association on the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses.

On Monday in last week Miss Reeves was the principal speaker at a public meeting held in Dublin in the Examination Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to consider the present position of nurses in Ireland, at which Mr. J. B. Story, President of the College, presided.

Miss Reeves moved the first resolution: "That the present condition of nurses calls for improvement," and advocated a fifty-six hours' working week for nurses, the abolition of fees for training, and the granting of the certificate on the completion of training. She advised private nurses not to fix their hours of work too rigidly.

Nurse M'Laughlin seconded the resolution, which was carried, and Miss Huxley then proposed "That reform of the conditions under which nurses work can best be sought for by nurses themselves acting independently." This was seconded by Sir Arthur Chance and carried.

The third resolution, proposed by Dr. Craig, seconded by Sister Tomb, and carried, declared "That the provision of efficient nurses is an essential part of the proposed reorganisation of public health."

On the motion of Sir Arthur Chance, seconded by Mrs. Mortished, Hon. Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union, it was decided to call a meeting of nurses and women engaged in hospital work,

to elect a committee to represent the whole nursing profession, to consider the position of Irish nurses.

The Monthly Meeting of the I.N.A. was held at 34, St. Stephen's Green, on Saturday evening April 5th, 1919. Miss Reeves, R.R.C., President in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. After the usual routine business, the Committee proceeded to elect the Finance Committee for the present year, with the result that Miss Kearns, Miss O'Flynn and Miss Carre were elected.

A letter was read from the Secretary National Council of

Women notifying that it would meet at Leicester in June. Miss Carson Rae and Miss Huxley are to be asked to represent the Association.

Sixty-five new Members and Associates applied to join the Association since March 17th, 1919, and all were approved.

M. LANIGAN O'KEEFFE,  
Secretary.

## INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF TRAINED MASSEUSES—DUBLIN CENTRE.

We have received the following interesting account from the Secretary of the Club:—

The club-room for members of the I.S.T.M., at 12, Hume Street, was the scene of a social



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