

that it would be a good thing if something would strike him and raise a lump.

Conversation flagged. It was comforting when the ward clock chimed four, and John took his departure.

"Well, I'm glad I'm not married," said Number Eight, with a fiendish chuckle.

It was unfortunate that Sarah missed the point. "Yes, John is a bit of a trial," she said, in melancholy tones. "If I'd known when I married 'im as 'e would 'ave bin so set on doin' things on the cheap, I'd 'ave thought twice about it. I know quite well as 'es gawn hoff now to 'unt rahnd London to get a pair o' crutches threepence cheaper than they sell them at Bennett's."

"Well, I can't see that it makes much difference if 'e does," said Number Eight, indifferently.

"It makes a lot o' difference to me," retorted Sarah, with crimson cheeks. "If 'e's as mean as that about crutches, 'e'll be a perfect skinflint when it comes to my coffin."

Irish Nurses' Association.

The third Anniversary of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, on Saturday evening, 16th inst.

The chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Vice-President, owing to the unavoidable absence of Miss Kelly, President of the Association, who wrote expressing her regret, and requested that Mrs. Treacy would preside in her place.

The minutes of the last General Annual Meeting having been read by the Secretary, Miss M. E. MacDonnell, Miss Hampson, Miss Huxley, and Miss Shuter, were elected to act as the Finance Committee.

An Address from the out-going President was then read by Mrs. Treacy, which contained a resumé of the year's work, and included many events of importance to the Association, especially the occasion of the opening of the Winter Session, when Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen honoured the Association by presiding.

The Address concluded with a well-merited tribute to the ability and kindness with which Miss M. E. MacDonnell had discharged the onerous duties of her post as Secretary, and whose resignation the Association had received with sincere regret.

Miss Huxley then proposed a resolution as follows: It is with great pleasure I rise to propose this vote of thanks to our past President for the able way in which she has conducted the business of the Association, throughout the year. We know her to be a busy woman, who busies herself in all movements connected with the betterment of women's work, and one always ready with admirable suggestions for the furtherance of our cause, and I am sure we all regret the illness

which prevents Miss Kelly being with us this day, and we all hope that on St. Patrick's Day, 1908, she will be here, to tell us what our aims and objects for the future should be.

The resolution was seconded by Miss Lamont (Superintendent-General, Q.V.J.N. Institute), and passed with much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Vice-President of the Association, and Lady Superintendent of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, Upper Baggot Street, was elected President.

The voting was then proceeded with for the office of Vice-President, with the result that Miss Ramsden was elected by a very large majority, for which honour she made a charming acknowledgment.

Mrs. Treacy then took the chair as President, and was warmly received, upon which she spoke as follows:

Ladies, I thank you for your kind greeting, and greatly appreciate the honour which you have paid me by electing me your President for the ensuing year. Though conscious of much diffidence in assuming the Presidential reins, I can, at least, promise you the keenest interest in the well-being and progress of our Association, and it will be my hope and endeavour, with your individual as well as combined aid, and the admirable and informing example of those ladies who have preceded me in the position of President, to work earnestly for the furtherance of the best interests of the Irish Nurses' Association.

The President of the Ulster Branch of the Association (Lady Hermione Blackwood) being present, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to acknowledge the keen interest which she has always taken in every movement connected with the advancement of nursing. Lady Hermione expressed her pleasure, and congratulated the Association on the success of their meeting, and hoped to be able to welcome the members to a similar gathering in Belfast, after which Mrs. Treacy expressed the deep regret of the Association at losing the valuable services of their Secretary, Miss M. E. MacDonnell, whose ready tact and kind manner had always been so much appreciated, and offered her their cordial and affectionate thanks for all she had been to the Association and its members, whose warmest wishes accompany her to the sphere of her labours in India.

The President drew the attention of all present to the fact that the Badge of the Irish Nurses' Association might be obtained at any time from Miss Cherry, the newly-appointed Secretary, and also mentioned the forthcoming Nursing Conference, to be held this year in Paris in the month of June, at which she hoped to meet many Irish nurses as well as Matrons, as she had ascertained that the return travelling expenses, 1st class, would be under £4. She would have more detailed information later on.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, tea was served, and the usual social evening was thoroughly enjoyed, thanks to the Amusement Committee, who had arranged a varied and interesting programme.

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