

She said: You have been told all about this unjust proposal on the part of the Government. It will be left to you as a body to do all you can to have Ireland reinstated in the Bill. You know what is before you if you don't. In the future no Irish trained nurse will have any recognised professional status. I hope you will all show your Irish spirit and insist on sharing in the advantages the Bill will bestow on nurses in Great Britain. I appeal to you all to-night to pledge yourselves to see that justice is done to you all as a body, to your training schools, and to the future nurses of this country.

Miss HANNAN, Matron of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, in seconding the Resolution, reminded the audience that the Midwives' Act of 1902, did not extend to Scotland and Ireland, and showed how prejudicially this had affected Ireland. She went on to say: Should Ireland be excluded from the Nurses' Registration Act the position of all Irish trained nurses will be infinitely worse than the existing position of Midwives, in as far as they will have absolutely no remedy if they wish to be recognised out of Ireland.

Therefore, fellow workers, I beg of you to pledge yourself to leave no stone unturned, to miss no opportunity, to let slip no chance in bringing your united and your individual efforts to bear in opposing this latest injustice to Ireland. I have very much pleasure, indeed, in seconding the Resolution.

RESOLUTION III.

The next Resolution was proposed by Miss HAUGHTON, Matron of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital:

"That the action of the Irish Office and Irish Local Government Board, in opposing the application of the Act to Ireland, would, if carried into effect, prove most detrimental to the Training Schools of Ireland."

Miss Haughton, in proposing the Resolution, said: If the Bill for State Registration of Trained Nurses becomes law for Great Britain and excludes Ireland, it will only be in the schools of Great Britain that a woman will be able to qualify for registration by the State. The different services, Army, Navy, and Colonial, public and private nursing institutes, and the public will advertise for and employ registered nurses, and it naturally follows that our training schools will suffer. They will be able to train women for work in Ireland, private nursing, or appointments under the Irish Local Government Board, but a woman whose ambition soars higher than a Local Government Board Hospital would have no use for the training in an Irish hospital. The number of suitable candidates would be correspondingly

reduced, and it would be almost impossible to keep up the standard of training. The women we are proud of to-day, trained in the hospitals here, well qualified by natural ability, and by acquired skill to compete with any in the nursing world would cease to be numbered in the ranks of Irish nurses; Irish Training Schools, as such, would soon be non-existent, and the conditions would dwindle to those of pre-Nightingale days. It rests with the rank and file of Irish nurses to prevent this state of things from coming to pass, and to support the honour of their schools.

Miss HUXLEY, past President of the Association, in seconding the Resolution, said the nurses of the present day owe their skill and position to the nurses of the past, and those of the present will influence the future of their successors. It behoves all nurses to do their best individually to safeguard not their own interests alone, but those of the nurses who will come after them. Every nurse should take a direct personal interest in the Nurses' Registration Bill, and insist on the inclusion of Ireland and on direct representation of Irish nurses on the Governing Body created under its authority, similar to that accorded to their English and Scottish colleagues.

RESOLUTION IV.

Miss RUSSELL, St. Vincent's Hospital, then proposed:

"That the nurses present at this meeting, who are non-members of the Irish Nurses' Association, beg to tender a hearty vote of thanks to the President and members of the Association for their kindness and courtesy in inviting them to this meeting."

This was seconded by Miss NELL MURPHY, of the National Maternity Hospital.

RESOLUTION V.

Miss MAYNE, Matron of the County Infirmary, Limerick, then proposed:

"That the thanks of the country nurses in Ireland be conveyed to the Matrons of Dublin, who are working so strenuously to have Ireland reinstated in the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses."

This was seconded by Mrs. COOK, a private nurse.

Mrs. KILDARE TREACY, who conveyed to the movers of the last two resolutions the appreciation of the Irish Nurses' Association of their votes of thanks, assured their guests of a cordial welcome if they decided to remain on as members of the organised family of Irish Nurses, and so aid in strengthening its defences. Heretofore, she said, we have been on guard against dangers from without, but now, when we seemed near the goal, there comes, without

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