

The Irish Nurses' Association has issued a Memorandum pointing out that the Nurses' Registration Bill as introduced into the House of Lords on July 7th, by Lord Ampthill, contained in Clause 29, express provision that the Act does not confer any authority to practise medicine.

The Registrar of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, has notified the Irish nurses' Association that by direction of the Board of Governors he has sent a strongly worded protest to the Chief Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant against the clause excluding Irish nurses from the scope of the Bill.

The Nursing Committee of the County Galway Hospital, and the Committee of the County Tipperary Infirmary, have notified their hearty support of the action of the Irish Nurses' Association; the Secretary of the House of Industry Government Hospitals, Dublin, has communicated to the Association the opinion of his Board that it is absolutely necessary that the Nurses' Registration Bill be made applicable to Ireland, and the Council of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, has also passed a Resolution in the same sense.

Amongst the Boards of Guardians which have passed Resolutions are the following:—The Wexford Board of Guardians, who agreed to send their protest to certain Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament; the Mallow Board of Guardians; the Naas Board of Guardians, who decided to communicate with Mr. John O'Connor, M.P. for North Kildare, asking him to use his best efforts to have the provisions of the Bill applied to Ireland; the Loughlinstown Board of Guardians, who in their Resolution request the Irish Local Government Board to use their influence to have a clause inserted in the Bill by which Irish nurses will be included in its scope on an equal footing with England and Scotland; the Galway Board of Guardians, who call on the Irish party for support, and have forwarded copies of their Resolution to the Members of Parliament for the County and Borough of Galway, the Chairman of the Irish Party, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland; and the Guardians of the South Dublin Union, who have also sent their Resolution to the Chief Secretary.

Lady Hermione Blackwood, President of the Ulster Branch of the I.N.A., has notified Mrs. Kildare Treacy of the willingness of the Branch to co-operate with Dublin in every possible way.

Conference of Representatives of Nurse Training Schools in Cork.

On the initiative of the South Infirmary, Cork, a large and representative meeting, summoned by circular, was held in the Board Room of that institution, to consider what steps should be taken to secure the inclusion of Ireland in the Registration of Trained Nurses' Bill. Mr. J. F. McMullen, City High Sheriff, presided, and representatives from each of the institutions in the city which maintain training schools for nurses were present.

The Royal Victoria Hospital for Women and Children was represented by Lady Colthurst, Mrs. Armstrong, Sir George Colthurst, Bart., Mr. Leslie, Mr. G. F. Hodder, and Mr. I. S. Kelly. The North Infirmary by Mr. S. Perry. The Erinville Hospital by Mrs. Blunden. The Cork Maternity Hospital by Mrs. John Waters, Mrs. W. H. Hill, Mrs. Hurley and Dr. Corby; and the South Infirmary by Sister M. Albens, Matron, Dr. H. R. Townsend, the Very Rev. Canon McNamara, Mr. James C. M'Namara, Mr. S. H. Newsom, and Dr. Higgins, House Surgeon.

Letters and messages of apology for non-attendance were received from Dr. Cummins, Dr. Pearson, Sir Alfred Dobbin, Dr. O'Sullivan, and Mr. H. H. Webb, J.P.

Lord Barrymore also wrote expressing Lady Barrymore's regret at her inability, owing to indisposition, to attend the meeting, and saying that he should endeavour to be present, and would be glad to become acquainted with the views held in Cork before the Bill comes up again in the House of Lords.

The City High Sheriff said they were all aware of the objects of the meeting. A circular had been received by their Hon. Secretary on behalf of the different nursing establishments in the city, drawing attention to the disabilities proposed to be placed on Irish nurses under this new Bill. Following that circular, the meeting was convened. Since then, however, a change in the situation had taken place. Owing to the pressure brought on the authorities by meetings which had been held in Dublin and by the letters that had appeared in the Press with reference to the subject, Lord Crewe had written intimating to the President of the Irish Nurses' Association that an amendment would be proposed bringing Ireland within the scope of the Bill. Under these circumstances, some people thought that it would be unnecessary to hold that meeting, but since this letter was merely a promise of an amendment, they thought it would

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