

Lord Justice, Fitz-gibbon, Surgeon Lentaigne, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Rev. T. A. Finlay, S.J., Dr. Horne, President Royal College Physicians, Sir William Smyly, Mr. W. Field, M.P., Dr. M. F. Cox, Mr. Healy, K.C., M.P., and many others.

The Chairman of the Irish Party, Mr. Redmond, has promised, with the help of the Irish Members, to do all in his power to secure the passage of the Bill through the House of Commons; therefore, let us hope that the day is not far distant when we, the Irish Nurses' Association, will be sending to Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party, as well as to all members of Parliament who fight the good fight for us, our sincere and grateful thanks, as we are now sending them this evening to the Irish Peers in the House of Lords.

This resolution was carried by the meeting with acclamation.

Miss Haughton, Matron, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, moved the next resolution: "That the grateful thanks of the Irish Nurses' Association be offered to the Right Hon. Lord Ampthill for the great interest which he has evinced in the Nurses' Registration Bill, of which he has so successfully taken charge."

This was seconded by Miss Carson-Rae, Matron, Cork Street Fever Hospital, and was enthusiastically carried.

Miss Kelly, Matron, Steevens' Hospital, spoke at some length. She said we have still to be on the alert and ready for any further surprises which may be sprung upon us, and to this end should intelligently be able to discuss the Bill and the clauses, and to generally take an interest in this deeply important measure. Miss Violet Roberts, who looks after the interests of private nurses, also spoke, and said she hoped nurses would join and take an interest in the Nurses' Debating Society, which would soon be instituted, and that the very first debate would be on the Bill. Mrs. Kildare Treacy read letters from Mr. Birrell, the Privy Council, Mr. Walter Long, and the Irish Local Government Board. She also spoke on the subject of the Bill. To her mind the greatest blot on it was the inclusion of the "Associate Nurse" Clause. She also said in view of whatever surprises might occur that it would be well for every nurse with two years or more training to go at once, pay their half-crown, and register themselves under the Local Government Board.

This would be incontrovertible, and prepare them for registration. A small list of subscriptions was given, one being £5 from "a hard-working Irish Nurse," with best wishes in aid of the efforts made to include Ireland in the Bill."

## The Territorial Nursing Service

We are asked by the Duchess of Montrose, Vice-President of the Advisory Council of the Territorial Nursing Service, to give publicity to the following details concerning the organisation of the Service in Scotland.

The Scottish Central Committee has now been formed, and is composed as follows:—The Lord Provosts of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen; the three Scottish members of the Advisory Council (the Duchess of Montrose, the Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, and Miss Haldane); three medical representatives (Colonel Scott Riddell, M.V.O., Aberdeen; Professor Cunningham, Edinburgh; and Sir George Beatson, K.C.B., Glasgow), and the organising Matrons in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen.

Of the 23 general hospitals to be established four are allocated to Scotland, three for the Lowland Division (two in Glasgow and one in Edinburgh), and one for the Highland Division (in Aberdeen).

The names of the Scottish organising Matrons to whom nurses in Scotland should apply are:—Miss Gill, matron, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, for the Edinburgh area; Miss Melrose, matron, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and Miss Gregory Smith, matron, Western Infirmary, Glasgow, for the Glasgow area; and Miss Macnaughton, matron, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, for the Aberdeen area.

The conditions of eligibility for nurses in the Territorial Service are:—Three years' training and possession of certificate; consent of the Matron if attached to a hospital; a satisfactory record and good health; age not under 23 at date of enrolment. A sister must hold a post as sister or be recommended for it, and a Matron must have been a matron or assistant or sister in a civil hospital, before being eligible for these respective positions in the Territorial hospitals. The pay offered will be the same as in the First Line Army Nursing Service Reserve if called up for duty, and gratuities will be given on completion of satisfactory service. Prospective matrons will require to study for one week in every two years administrative duties in a military hospital, such as the Royal Herbert Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley, Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital in London, etc.; and they will be paid during training, with allowance for travelling expenses. A distinctive badge will be issued to Territorial nurses and outfit allowance given to the staff while on active duty.

It is hoped in course of time to introduce a scheme of lectures for the benefit of the

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