

be withdrawn from the hospital. Miss Stewart agreed to this, but said that she believed the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses could provide the necessary staff, and she had not the smallest doubt it would. She went on to say that on the invitation of the Lady Mayoress she had lunched at the Mansion House, and learnt from her that a Committee of twenty-four ladies would be appointed to organise two general hospitals for London. No. 1 Hospital would be that of the City of London, and ten members of the Organising Committee would be nominated by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and she would herself act as the Organising Matron, responsible for selecting the nursing staff and calling it up when the hospital was mobilised. The ten ladies on the Committee representing No. 2 General Hospital would be appointed by the London, St. Thomas's, and Guy's Hospitals conjointly. Miss Stewart asked the League to appoint a small Committee of three to help her in the work, which was done. She stated that the actual number of the nursing staff when called up for duty would be 92, but a larger number would be enrolled in order to provide for emergencies.

Miss Stewart invited the members of the League, as soon as they received their January *League News*, containing a slip on which they could intimate their readiness to serve if required, to fill in and return the slip.

The League then proceeded to consider the Revision of the Constitution, the consideration of the Bye-laws being postponed till the summer meeting.

The Social Gathering took place in the Nurses' Sitting Room, which many of the members had the pleasure of seeing for the first time, and was, as ever, a most sociable, friendly, and delightful function.

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LECTURES.

Two lectures have recently been delivered in the rooms of the Irish Nurses' Association, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, the first on "The Eyes," by Dr. Kathleen Lynn, who is on the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital for the Eye and Ear, Adelaide Road, Dublin. She made her subject quite interesting to nurses, as she had a large model of the orbit, and therefore was able to explain the anatomy, as well as the many diseases and deformities of that organ.

The second lecturer was Dr. Marshall Day, and his subject "Enteric Fever."

As he has been Resident Physician in Cork Street Fever Hospital for the past 24 years, he has perhaps had more experience in infectious diseases than any other doctor in Dublin, and therefore dealt with his subject in a most able way, telling us his experience in all these years in dealing with typhoid cases. His treatment in some respects differs a good deal from our preconceived ideas; such as allowing his patients to get out of bed at times unless suffering from hæmorrhage. He also dwelt much on the necessity of the nurse being impressed with the great importance that the variations of the pulse convey, and that she should be specially careful about this. It would be impossible in this short article to give the many points of his lecture, which was so interesting, that he received an unanimous invitation to give a second one; as he said himself how impossible it was to tell us all he wished in an hour. We have an epidemic of enteric at present in a suburb of Dublin called Clontarf, which it is believed is traceable to milk, which, by the way, does not form much part in Dr. Day's dieting unless in whey.

THE NURSES' DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Nurses' Debating Society took place on Saturday evening, December 12th, at 86, Lower Leeson Street, the discussion being on the Nurses' Registration Bill. The speakers were Miss McHugh and Miss Kerr, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, and Miss Violet Roberts.

It was unanimously agreed that more representation should be given to Irish Nurses on the General Nursing Council. Those present also considered that the word *registered* should not be applied at all to Associate Nurses, the reason being that the general public would probably consider that the title "Registered Associate Nurse" was a higher one than "Registered Nurse."

Associate Nurses are a class one hears of only in England. We have not got them here. They are very likely excellent people in their place, but we hope they will stay there. We feel here that it is a blot on the Bill, bringing them in to Registration.

It was also considered that in relation to Clause 20, it was a pity the Irish amendment "or by legal representation if desired" had been eliminated.

The next meeting of the Debating Society is to take place on January 9th. Subject: "Hours on duty, salaries, fees, etc."

This Society is open to all nurse members of the Irish Nurses' Association.

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