

## Irish Nurses' Association.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixth anniversary of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, on Wednesday, 17th March. The chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Miss Ramsden, Lady Superintendent, Rotunda Hospital, President of the Association. Also present: Miss Huxley, Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Miss Egan, Miss Carson Rae; Miss Pate, Matron, Adelaide Hospital; Miss Sutton, Matron, St. Vincent's Hospital; Miss L. V. Haughton; Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., Mrs. Manning, Miss Reeves, Miss Crowther, Miss Lamont, Miss Chadwick, Miss Roberts, etc.

The minutes of the last General Meeting was read and confirmed.

Miss Ramsden, retiring President, addressed the meeting, giving a resumé of the work done by the Association for the past twelve months, and alluded to the very efficient help given to her by Mrs. Kildare Treacy, both in regard to opposing the Official Directory of Nurses Bill and also in having Ireland re-included in the State Registration Bill for Nurses.

### RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were proposed and passed with acclamation:—

Resolved—

"That the Irish Nurses' Association should have an exhibit at the Nurses' Congress in London, and that Mrs. Kildare Treacy should take the chair at one of the Sessions of said Congress (as the representative of the Irish Nurses' Association)."

Proposed by Miss Huxley, seconded by Miss Reeves.

Resolved—

"That the thanks of the Association be given to Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Miss Huxley, and Miss Shuter for acting on the Finance Committee, and to propose that these ladies should again act as Finance Committee for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Miss Whammond, seconded by Miss Sutton.

### THE NEW OFFICERS.

Miss Lamont, Lady Superintendent, Q.V.J.I., then took the chair as President, and a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Ramsden was proposed by Miss L. V. Haughton, who took this opportunity of telling the members that at the recent massage examination of 18 candidates, 17 had obtained the certificate of the I.S.T.M., and to urge on the nurses when they could to take up the different branches of nursing, *i.e.*, maternity training for one. Miss Haughton said there were a great many nurses who had very little knowledge of the care of infants, and that this should not be so. She hoped before next year to have formed a massage section of the Irish Nurses' Association,

and hoped that Miss Ramsden, or some other member would undertake to form a maternity section.

Mrs. Kildare Treacy seconded the vote of thanks to the President, and hoped that a number of the members would attend the Congress, and that all would try to help towards its success.

Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., was elected Vice-President for the year 1909-10 by a very large majority.

Miss Chadwick, Miss Cahill, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Jardine, Miss Thornton, and Miss Thomas were re-elected to serve on Executive Committee.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, tea was served, and the usual social evening enjoyed, thanks to Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., and Miss Reed, who had arranged a most varied and entertaining programme.

E. CHERRY, *Secretary*.

## The Nurse as Patriot.

Miss Barton, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, Cale Street, S.W., who is the Organising Matron for No. 3 Territorial Hospital for the County of London, is arranging a meeting at the Infirmary, on Friday, April 2nd, at 8 p.m., when Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Territorial Nursing Service, and Miss Amy Hughes, will speak on its organisation. Miss Barton will be pleased to welcome at the meeting nurses who are qualified to join the Service.

Nurses with three years' training, who are between the ages of 25 and 45, who desire to assist their country by applying to be enrolled as members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, in connection with the 2nd Southern General Hospital, should apply to Miss Baillie, the Organising Matron, Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

It has been decided that a Branch of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve shall be formed in South Africa, the minimum age for joining to be 23 instead of 26, as required in the Home regulations. Members of the Branch will bind themselves, in the event of war in British South Africa, to accept service, if called upon to do so, in Imperial military hospitals, in which Imperial or Colonial troops are being treated in any part of the British South African Colonies. Members will be required to report themselves once a year and to satisfy the Local Committee that they are employed in *bona-fide* nursing duties.

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