

## The Irish Nurses' Association.

### A LOSS TO THE NURSING WORLD.

A specially convened meeting of the Executive Committee took place on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., at the offices of the Irish Nurses' Association, Dublin, for the purpose of expressing the great sorrow that the members of the I.N.A. feel at the loss of the late Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland, who passed away on October 14th at his residence in Howth, co. Dublin. He was one of the best friends that Irish Nurses have ever had. As Chairman of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, he came into touch with nurses individually, and his sympathies broadened out to take in the interests of the whole profession. As is well known, he had a most distinguished career, scholastically and legally, as well as being a man of parts, and a wit; so that when he placed all these brilliant attainments at our disposal by offering to advise us Irish nurses as to the amendments we wished added to the Bill for State Registration, we indeed felt the high compliment, and profited by the offer, as his explanatory memorandum was most lucid and convincing as to what Irish nurses require. We have suffered an irreparable loss in such an adviser. His interest was so keen in nurses gaining State Registration, that it is deeply to be regretted that he did not live to see this reform take place.

Miss Kelly, Matron of Steevens' Hospital, who presided in the unavoidable absence of the President, Miss Lamont, said that personally she felt very glad that we had met to do honour to the memory of a man who had proved himself the sincere friend of nurses, and who had given them the benefit of his trained legal mind. A noted Judge and Privy Councillor, he took great interest in their Bill, and he had a full grasp of each detail concerned. She felt he would be much missed by Irish nurses.

Miss Huxley put the following resolution to the meeting, which was seconded by Miss Bradburne, Matron of the Meath Hospital, and passed in silence, all the members present standing:—

"That the members of the Irish Nurses' Association desire to express their profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland. He invariably showed great interest in everything that concerned Irish nurses. His valuable guidance in their deliberations regarding the Bill for State Registration materially advanced their cause, and at all times they felt certain of his aid. The members of the Irish Nurses' Association desire to offer to the family of the late Lord Justice this expression of deepest sympathy."

Miss Cherry, Secretary, was asked to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Fitzgibbon, and to the press.

Mrs. Kildare-Treacy, who is Lady Superintendent of the City of Dublin Nurses' Institution, of which the late Lord Justice Fitzgibbon was Chairman, was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

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## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

**Isolation Hospital, Tring.**—Miss F. S. Phillips has been appointed Matron. She at present holds an appointment at the Joint Hospital, Hertford.

**Grangeleigh-Ewhurst Nursing Association.**—Miss Edith Please has been appointed Matron and Hon. Secretary. She was trained, and held the position of Staff Nurse, at St. George's Hospital, S.W.; Night Charge Nurse at St. John's Infirmary, Hampstead; Queen's Nurse at Neath, Glamorganshire; and Matron for eight and a-half years at Kingsbridge Cottage Hospital, Devonshire.

**Cottage Hospital, Much Wenlock.**—Miss Mary Smith has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has since been Sister at the Cottage Hospital, Much Wenlock, and Sister at the General Infirmary, Stafford.

**Children's Cottage Hospital, Goldash.**—Miss Evelyn Hurlbatt has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, where she has also taken Sisters' holiday duty, and has been Matron of the Reynard Hospital, near Gainsborough, Matron of the Hospital, Kendall, Lady Superintendent of a Surgical Home in Norwich, Matron of the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Woking, and Lady Superintendent of the Bath Trained Nurses' Home from 1904 to the present time.

**County Cottage Hospital, Blackmannan.**—Miss Mary G. Miller has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the positions of Ward Sister, Home Sister, Night Matron, and Assistant Matron in the same institution.

### ASSISTANT MATRONS.

**West House, Royal Edinburgh Asylum.**—Miss Alicia M. B. Keaghey has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Meath Hospital and County Dublin Infirmary, and has since been a Queen's Nurse, a Staff Nurse at the Edinburgh City Poor House, and Night Superintendent at Melrose Asylum.

**Keighley and Bingley Joint Hospital.**—Miss Jeannie Robertson has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, and has held the position of Sister in the same institution.

### SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

**Jessop Hospital, Sheffield.**—Miss Lilley has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Maternity Department. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and at Queen Charlotte Hospital, where she has held the position of Staff Nurse for eighteen months.

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