

for examination and registration. Five guineas was stated, not as the rigid fee to be imposed, but as the maximum which could be imposed, and he knew that, guided by the experience with other Registration Bills, the Crown authorities would be very slow to permit the passing of a Bill which did not provide its own working expenses. Some had objected to the paying of representatives on the Central Board, and had pointed out that it would be easy to get representatives who would pay their own expenses. His experience was that when you did not pay a person to act for you that person was not your representative, but an independent individual, who naturally did not voice your views, for which he did not care, but his own. If nurses wished to send real representatives, who would look after their interests and not their own, they would require to pay these representatives, as the Bill now before Parliament proposed they should do, the expenses being covered by the fee for examination and registration. Nurses already in practice at the time of passing of the Bill would only require to pay the portion of the fee—that for Registration.

Dr. Fraser, Paisley, spoke from the practitioner's and small hospital's standpoint of the desirability of a uniform minimum standard of examination for nurses.

Dr. Core, Stobhill, reminded his hearers that while the Association had a political side, which had recently of necessity been very active, it also possessed a social side, and he hoped the time was not far distant when the Association would possess a club-room in Glasgow.

Dr. Johnston, Belvidere, spoke of the necessity of fever nurses being alive to the change which Registration would produce in their position, and of taking steps to secure adequate recognition of their excellent training, both in fever and medicine, which they obtained in a fever hospital.

Dr. McGregor Robertson, Glasgow, summarised the objects of the Association with reference to Registration, and explained how the Association had done all in its power to forward the interests of Scotch Nurses, including the fever nurses, whose position, as Dr. Johnston had pointed out, had been threatened.

Dr. Wallace Anderson then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, and Mrs. Strong, who had specially come up from Wales to address them, and the other speakers, and the meeting then terminated.

International News.

We are informed by our International President, Fraulein Agnes Karll, that Miss Thérèse Tamm has accepted the office of Hon. Vice-President for Sweden of the International Council of Nurses. She writes in a very nice letter, "she will try and do her best for nursing." At present the Swedish nurses have not formed a National Council, and until they do their interests could not be more intelligently represented than by Miss Tamm, who is a very clever and charming woman.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The annual meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association took place at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. The usual custom for the past has been to combine business and pleasure in these meetings, and this was very successfully accomplished on Thursday evening. Through the kind intervention of Miss Ramsden (to whom was voted a resolution of thanks), Matron of the Rotunda Hospital, and past President of the Association, we were given the Pillar Room of the Rotunda, which is large and beautiful. A ball having been held there the night before, it was most tastefully decorated, and the garlands, lampshades, and everything else, were left up for our meeting, and when it was filled with nurses, in all their different indoor uniforms, it was a pretty sight. Another room was given us for the tea, all the provisions of which had been provided through individual members of the Executive Committee, to whom the nurses owe a debt of gratitude. Several of these also undertook the preparation, notably Miss Ramsden, assisted by a large number of nurses; Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., our new President; Miss Hughes, Portrane; Miss Reeves, Miss Goulding, Miss Pate, and many others. Home made cakes and sandwiches were the order of the day, and were much appreciated. During the evening oranges sent by Miss O'Flynn, Temple Street Hospital, and sweets from Miss Shuter and Miss Reeves were handed round during the dancing, which all much enjoyed. Nearly all the members of the Executive sent cakes, jam, tea, sugar, milk, cream, and all the requisites, so that the funds of the Association were not called upon, which was a most generous effort on their part.

At 7 o'clock the chair was taken by the out-going President, Miss Lamont, who gave a most interesting résumé of the working of the Association during her year of office. She was followed by Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Hon. Secretary, who read the minutes of the last general meeting, and also the financial statement.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Miss MacDonnell, the new President, then took the chair, and Miss Huxley moved a resolution in warm terms of praise, to thank Miss Lamont for her conduct as President for the past year. She said that "always most courteous and dignified, she never sacrificed principle for expediency," but filled her office to the admiration and satisfaction of all who came in contact with her. This was seconded by Miss Ramsden, who said she fully endorsed all Miss Huxley had said. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The other officers who had been voted for were then announced, viz.:

Vice-President: Miss Irene Keogh, Matron, Richmond Hospital.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Matron, City of Dublin Nursing Institution.

Finance Committee: Miss Huxley, Elpis; Miss Kelly, Matron, Steevens' Hospital; and Miss Sutton, Matron, St. Vincent's Hospital.

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