

Executive Committee: Six nurses were elected to sit on the Executive, viz., Sister Kerr, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital; Sister Chadwick, Rotunda Hospital; Sister Thornton, Elpis Private Hospital; Sister Jardine, Richmond Hospital; Nurse Potter, St. Vincent's Hospital; and Nurse O'Donnell, City of Dublin Nursing Institution.

Secretary: The appointment of the new Secretary, Miss Carson-Rae (late Matron of Cork Street Fever Hospital) was announced to those present; and she received a large number of annual subscriptions.

A letter was read from Miss Hannan, Matron of the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, announcing that about 40 of her staff were joining the Association, and that she regretted not being able to be present on that occasion. The Hon. Secretary told the nurses that the Association had arranged to give £5 towards defraying the expenses incurred by the Central Registration Committee, as arranged at the late Conference; she asked for a show of hands as to who were willing to give their mite, and all present responded. This ended the business part.

A concert had been arranged by Sister Baker, Rotunda Hospital, who contributed two songs herself, by Helmund. She possesses a beautiful voice, and was warmly received and encored. Nurse Watson (of the same hospital), a fine contralto, sang "I know a lovely garden" (D'Hardelot), "When I Awake" (Ellen Wright), "Annie Laurie" (arranged by Lehmann), and "Absent" (Metcalf), (encored). Nurses Baker and Jenner also sang, and the latter acted as accompanist. Nurse Duggan (Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital) danced a jig in the costume of an Irish colleen, and looked one to the life. Nurse Meenan also played. Dancing went on until 11 o'clock, when Sir Roger de Coverley ended a most pleasant re-union. About 200 Matrons and nurses were present, and it is to be hoped that next year may see even a larger number, owing to the enlarged membership of the Association.

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ULSTER BRANCH.

On the 11th March the Irish Nurses' Association, Ulster Branch, held their annual meeting in the Nurses' Club Room in Belfast. Miss Workman, the Hon. Secretary, read the report, which stated that there are now 127 members of the branch, 46 having joined during the year; 18 of the members, however, have not as yet paid their subscription. The doctors have been most kind in giving many interesting lectures, and the Amusements Committee have organised several very successful social evenings.

The two new Vice-Presidents who were then elected for the year 1910 are Miss Howlett, Matron of the Belfast Infirmary, and Miss Melville, Matron of the County Antrim Infirmary. The Finance and Amusements Committee were re-elected. It was announced that the Irish Nurses' Association have decided to lower the annual subscription. In the future probationary nurses and country members will only be asked to subscribe 1s. per annum, and staff nurses 2s. 6d. It is hoped that all Irish nurses will now join the Association, as the subscription is so

moderate. These small sums include the use of the Club Rooms in Belfast or Dublin.

Lady Hermione Blackwood, President, was in the chair, and addressed the meeting. She mentioned the principal events in the nursing world during the past year, and spoke of the International Congress of Nurses, the District Nurses' Conference at Liverpool, the State Registration Bill, and the Scottish Nurses' Association. She concluded by proposing the following resolution, which was seconded by Miss Newman in a few very feeling words, and which was passed unanimously:—

"That this branch of the Irish Nurses' Association desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss the nursing profession has sustained by the death of Miss Isla Stewart."

The business meeting then terminated.

Tea was afterwards served and conversation became general.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following nurses have been elected members of the Irish Nurses' Association:—

SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

Sisters: M. Berry, M. Stanley, C. Toole.

Nurses: J. Mulhall, R. Crilly, M. Jessop, A. Beveridge, M. Scott, S. Donaghue, H. Ashmore, E. Blackmore, K. Lankester, J. Deacon, E. M'Ilwaine, J. Drew, C. Tuohy, L. Oldham, O. O'Neil, A. Maguire, C. Gilmartin, R. Magee, A. Turnbull, M. Graydon, A. Long, A. Meredith, C. M'Garry, M. Keane, B. Williams, M. McMullen.

Appointments.

MATRON.

Waddington Cottage Hospital, Clitheroe, Lancashire.—Miss Catherine W. Smart has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Sanitary Hospital, Bournemouth.—Miss Lily Gray has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the County Hospital, Motherwell, and the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, where she also held the position of Ward Sister. She has also had experience in private nursing, and has acted as Health Visitor in Bournemouth. She is a certified midwife.

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.—Miss Clara Sayers has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the West Ham and East London Hospital, Stratford, E., and has been Charge Nurse on night duty at the West End Hospital, Welbeck Street, W., and has had experience in the nursing of infectious diseases at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, S.E. She has also done temporary Sister's duties at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

York Workhouse Infirmary.—Miss Marguerita Mullin has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Sheffield Workhouse, and has held the position of Charge Nurse and Maternity Nurse at the Sculcoates Workhouse, Hull, and of Night Superintendent and Superintendent Nurse at Newbury Workhouse.

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