

Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association.

The quarterly meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association was held at the Whitechapel Infirmary on May 7th. Miss Mowatt was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members.

Before commencing the ordinary business, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

RESOLUTION.

"That the members of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association, realising the deep interest taken in all matters relating to the interest of the nursing profession by King Edward VII. and our gracious Queen Alexandra, wish to record their deep sorrow at the national calamity caused by the death of His Majesty the King, and to convey their heart-felt condolences to Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, and the other members of the Royal Family."

Miss Mowatt read a short and interesting paper on the subject of "The Choosing of Probationers." This suggested many points of interest for the discussion which followed, and in which all present took part.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The I.N.A. held the usual monthly meeting on May 7th, at which there was a large attendance. The following Resolution of sympathy to her Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra was read, all the members standing in sorrowful silence:—

RESOLUTION.

To Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

"The members of the Irish Nurses' Association beg to offer Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, the expression of their profound sympathy in this, her hour of tribulation. They can never forget His Majesty's keen and fatherly interest in everything concerning the welfare of nurses. They humbly pray that God may comfort Her Majesty."

The meeting was then adjourned, the members feeling that it was impossible to transact any business.

National Associations of Nurses. U.S.A.

The annual meetings of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae, will be held in New York next week, that of the Superintendents' Society beginning on Monday, May 16th, and of the Associated Alumnae on Wednesday, May 18th. Our sympathy is with our American colleagues, who will meet under the heavy shadow of the loss of their beloved leader, Mrs. Hampton Robb.

Society for State Registration.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, was held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, 22nd ult., Miss H. L. Pearse in the chair.

THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

The following resolution was proposed from the chair and passed in silence by the members standing:—

RESOLUTION.

"That this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to place on record its sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the death of its President, Miss Isla Stewart, the value of whose most faithful and courageous services to the profession of nursing can only be fully estimated by future generations of nurses, who will reap the result of her unselfish and devoted labours on their behalf."

AN INTERNATIONAL LOSS.

The Hon. Secretary then reported a cablegram from Miss M. A. Nutting, of New York, conveying the grievous news of the death from accident of Mrs. Hampton Robb. She was directed to convey to the National Associations of American Superintendents and Nurses the deep sorrow and sympathy of those present for the irreparable loss sustained by the nursing world at large.

THE REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

The Hon. Secretary presented a report in which she referred to the action in the House of Commons of those supporting the Registration Bill, and those opposing it, and showed that great energy was employed by those who had vested interests in the work of trained nurses, and opposed just legislation. She alluded to the "freezing out" of the nurses' point of view by a number of London newspapers, just in the same way as all allusion to Women's Suffrage was suppressed so long as women conducted their campaign in a constitutional manner, as trained nurses had done for twenty years. Misrepresentation and intimidation were weapons invariably used in every reform movement which touched vested interests in human labour, and nurses were no exception to this economic law. Nurses were pressing for better educational facilities, and organisation, all over the world, and were making immense progress in accomplishing their purpose of fitting themselves for their responsible duties. All that was necessary was to go steadily on—and continue their policy in the future as in the past.

THE £100 FUND.

The Hon. Secretary reported that she had received £44 3s. 8d. for the £100 Fund since the last meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting in London about the last week in May, and to invite the participation of earnest and eloquent registrationists.

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