

Progress of State Registration.

Cordial congratulations to the Oregon State Nurses' Association, whose Registration Bill, introduced by Senator Locke, and read first on January 10th of this year, has passed through both Houses.

Miss Linna G. Richardson, who was delegated to look after the interests of the Bill at the capital, reports in the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*: "The Oregon Bill for Registration passed through both Houses during the first week of February, without suffering mutilation in any way during that process. Dr. Locke, who introduced the Bill, did splendid work for us, and Representative Beal notified us when breakers appeared ahead. Two Sessions with the Committees, one in each House, with copious correspondence and personal work among senators and representatives, explained away all prejudice, and pacified opposition. As Governor West has given his word not to veto the Bill, it is only a question of time until Oregon is on the map in State Registration."

The Bill provides for the appointment by the Governor of a State Board of Examination and Registration of Graduate Nurses, whose duty it will be to enforce the provisions of the Act, from a list of names submitted by the Oregon State Association of Graduate Nurses. With the exception of the Board first appointed, all the nominees must be registered under the provisions of the Act.

The members of the Board are to meet in the City of Portland as soon as organised, and to elect from their number a President, who shall act as Inspector of Training Schools for Nurses, and a Secretary who shall act as Treasurer.

In enclosing subscriptions of a number of members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Lady Superintendent of a private nursing institution concludes her letter: "One of our married members writes from India, saying how great is the need there for some system of Registration. Her husband is a medical man, and the other day a lady, who had lived in India for 50 years, said to him, 'Cannot you doctors do something to stop those unqualified women from pretending they are all nurses, and doing so much harm?' She did not know his wife had been a nurse, and proceeded to tell her of a girl who had had two weeks' training in one hospital and three in another. From both places she was sent away as most undesirable, and she is now doing private nursing in hill stations, and

asking, and getting, seven rupees a day. She is one of many whose training has been as short."

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association took place as usual on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at 7 p.m. This was the first large gathering in the new home of the Association, at 34, St. Stephen's Green, and everyone was delighted with it. The large lofty rooms, lighted with electricity, and shaded in different colours, looked charming, and with the many bright uniforms of the nurses, made a most picturesque scene. Several hundred attended, chiefly from Dublin and suburbs, while Miss Haughton, Guy's Hospital, London, and Miss Long, Forster Green Hospital, Belfast, made a special point of being present.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., President, was in the chair, at the business meeting. Before giving her Presidential address, the President said:

"As a mark of respect, before commencing this meeting, I ask you to stand while I refer to the death, at a ripe old age, of Miss Florence Nightingale, the Foundress of Modern Nursing. It is probably due to her influence that we are gathered here this evening. She was the most influential and noble woman of her age."

The President then addressed the members, and gave a hearty welcome to all present, congratulating them on the beautiful new rooms they had secured.

The following office bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—*Vice-President*, Miss Shuter, "Ivanhoe"; *Hon. Secretary*, Miss Butler, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital; *Finance Committee*: Miss Huxley, "Elpis"; Miss Lamont, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute; Mrs. Kildare Treacy, City of Dublin Nursing Institution. The following six nurses were also elected to serve on the Executive Committee: Miss Chadwick, Miss Haire, Miss Kerr, Miss O'Donnell, Miss Potter, Miss Thornton.

Miss Haughton then proposed a vote of thanks to Miss MacDonnell for the interest she had taken in the Association, and the work she had done during her year of office.

Miss MacDonnell, having suitably replied, then vacated the chair, which was taken by Miss Keogh, President for the ensuing year.

After a few remarks, Miss Keogh proposed an adjournment to the tea rooms, and a pleasant social evening followed the business meeting.

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