

The Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute did not hold a brief for the Pension Fund, and it was quite open to nurses of affiliated Societies to join any approved society they chose.

Miss Hughes said she understood that the Society would be for nurses only. Would it not be advantageous that it should be so? She mentioned that nurses, as a rule, do not marry into the class which would draw on the funds of such a society after marriage.

Sir Archibald Williamson said that the point was not absolutely decided. If it was disadvantageous to nurses, ward maids need not be included.

Mrs. Modell inquired whether the Approved Society to be formed by the Pension Fund would not be a separate section with no claim on the funds of the R.N.P.F.

Sir Archibald Williamson replied that he did not think that was a correct assumption. If the Pension Fund put its name to a scheme all its funds would be available.

Mr. Pennant having refuted this statement, and shown that the approved society formed by the R.N.P.F. could draw on its own resources only, Sir Archibald said that at any rate this body were qualified to do the best they could.

After some discussion, the following resolution was adopted: "That this meeting supports the formation of an Approved Society for nurses."

In reply to a question as to whether arrangements would be made by the Q.V.J.I., Mr. Pennant said that that was a matter for the nurses themselves. No pressure would be put upon them.

The Chairman, Sir Reginald Acland, K.C., in closing the discussion, referred to Miss Hughes' remarks as to the large majority of nurses having to become post office contributors. Of all the men and women, the most miserable when the Act came into force would, he thought, be the post office contributors, and this would be the position of the nurses, unless a sound approved society were formed to meet their needs.

#### WIDER REPRESENTATION OF THE AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The next question considered was a scheme for obtaining wider representation of the affiliated associations on the Council of the Institute.

The Chairman explained that the Council was constituted of certain persons, approved by Queen Alexandra, the trustees, people useful in the nursing world, and representatives of various interests.

The discussion resolved itself more or less, as such discussions are apt to do, into the voicing of special interests and special claims. Cardiff and Portsmouth each put forward special reasons why they should nominate a delegate. Mrs. Bridgeman (Shropshire) said that when the Institute was founded its work was mainly confined to the towns; now there were a number of County Associations, with 900 village nurses. She moved that a Standing Committee representing the County Associations be formed, with representation on the Council of one representative to every three Associations, afterwards changed to give "substantial representation on the Council."

The original resolution was lost, and an amendment carried providing that "it is desirable that a Standing Committee be formed consisting of representatives of County Associations."

### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Saturday, March 2nd. Before the business began the members all stood while the President read a resolution regretting the sudden death of Mrs. Kildare-Treacy, by which the Association had lost one of its most earnest and indefatigable workers, and the nurses one of their kindest and most sympathetic friends. It was agreed to send letters conveying the sympathy of the I.N.A. to Mrs. Treacy's relatives and to the nurses of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution. A resolution of sympathy was also read from the Ulster Branch of the I.N.A. condoling with the great loss we had sustained.

The annual meeting will take place on the evening of March 16th, when the business will be the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The usual entertainment will be postponed out of respect to the late Mrs. Kildare-Treacy.

Miss Hogg, who has trained so many successful candidates for the examinations of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, intimated that her past pupils wished to present a bookcase to the I.N.A. This gift was most gratefully accepted, as the present one is quite inadequate to hold all the volumes of the library. The Committee desired Miss Hogg to convey the thanks of the I.N.A. to her pupils for this handsome gift.

Owing to pressure of work, Miss Carson Rae has reluctantly resigned the post of Secretary. Her formal resignation had been given in June of last year, but no active steps had been taken to replace her. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy.

#### THE NURSES' HOSTEL CO., LTD., DUBLIN.

The above Institution held its first birthday in February, and, although late, we wish it many happy returns. It has to be congratulated on coming through the first and probably most anxious year with great success. There is now a staff of good, reliable nurses, and every week the connection is getting wider and wider. When starting this Co-operation there was naturally much speculation as to whether it would succeed or not, but the year's working has proved that it will. It has finished the year practically clear of debt, with a good amount of share capital still untouched. A. C. R.

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