

**THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**

Miss Buchanan, P.L.G., delivered a lecture to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association on Wednesday evening on the National Insurance Bill as it affects nurses. There was a good attendance, the members being anxious to obtain information on this much-talked-of Act, which will affect them so closely. Miss Reed was in the chair. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Reeves and seconded by Miss Despard, was given to Miss Buchanan at the close of the proceedings.

**THE IRISH CATHOLIC NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**

The first general meeting of the Catholic Nurses' Association was held in Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin, on Tuesday, 16th ult. The necessity for affiliating with an existing recognised Friendly Society, under the Insurance Act, arose. The meeting unanimously decided to affiliate with the A.O.H., which Society has branches in all parts of Ireland, and will therefore be in close touch with the scattered members of the Catholic Nurses' Association. It was decided to elect a number of gentlemen as associates, the number not to exceed five. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Miss M'Coy, Matron Dublin Sanatorium, Crooksling, Co. Dublin; vice-presidents, Miss Timmons, Matron Meath Co. Infirmary, Navan; Miss Kelly, Matron District Asylum, Enniscorthy; Miss Kearns, Night Superintendent South Dublin Infirmary; Miss O'Dea, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin; treasurer, Miss M'Clelland, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square; trustees, Miss Corless, Drumcondra; Miss Spellisy, Matron Verville Private Asylum, Clontarf; Miss Cooke, Gibraltar House, Crumlin; hon. sec., Miss B. M. M'Loughlin, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square.

The above officers, with the following, constitute the Council:—Miss Ahern, 67, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin; Miss Clynes, North Dublin Infirmary; Miss Conolly, Dublin District Nurse; Miss Daly, The Sanatorium, Crooksling; Miss Derrie, Rockingham Arms, Boyle; Miss Fleming, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin; Miss Garland, Matron, Alma House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin; Miss Garaghan, St. Lawrence's, 34, Rutland Square, Dublin; Miss Hayes, Sister, Steevens' Hospital, Dublin; Miss Lynch, Virginia, Co.

Cavan; Miss Kavanagh, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin; Miss M'Carthy, Matron, Fever Hospital, Omagh; Miss M'Devitt, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin; Miss Molloy, Union Infirmary, Galway; Miss Murphy, Union Infirmary, Scariff; Miss Flynn, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick; Miss Ryan, Matron, Fever Hospital, Tuam; Miss Walsh, Riverside House, Westport; Miss Walsh, Matron, Leitrim County Infirmary, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Miss M'Coy presided. The members all took a very active interest in the discussions regarding the future of the Association, as well as the advantages which may accrue from being members of it. A draft of the rules was submitted, and after considerable discussion and amendments were adopted. Circulars and other communications were submitted to the meeting from societies formed to support State registration of nurses, and the matter of dealing with them was referred to the new Council.

The President, at the close of the meeting, thanked the members for having elected her to that position, and promised that everything should be done to make the organization a great success. They had already on their books over two hundred members, and inquiries regarding its objects were constantly being received. She trusted that every Catholic nurse in Ireland would become a member of the Association. It was not organised in a spirit of rivalry to any other society, but inasmuch as nine-tenths of the nurses in Ireland were Catholic, she thought it was just as well that they should have an Association to safeguard their own interests. The entrance fee was only 1s., and the energetic secretary, Miss M'Loughlin, would be very happy to furnish any information regarding its objects.

The President dealt at very considerable length with the question of State Registration, as well as the intricacies of the State Insurance, her address being very highly appreciated by the members present.

**A RIBBON AND BAR.**

The British Red Cross Society has assented to the numerous representations which have been made by the branches that some recognition should be accorded for further successes at Red Cross first aid and nursing examinations. A ribbon and bar will be granted for certain examination successes in conformity with the procedure laid down, and additional bars will be conferred on the holders of these in respect of future successes. There are now in existence 1,063 Red Cross detachments with a personnel of 31,394.

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