

## THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Upon the retirement of Miss O'Flynn, Miss Carson-Rae has been appointed President for the ensuing year of the Irish Nurses' Association. The Association is to be congratulated upon the result of the ballot.

Miss Reeves, Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital, was elected Vice-President; Miss Nora Cunningham, Secretary; the following members to form the Executive Committee: Mrs. Manning, Misses Roberts, Hezlett, Huxley, Thornton, Carson-Rae, Brodrick, Keating, Ramsden, Bradburne, Sutton, Kearns, O'Flynn, Carre Rhind, Drew, Blackmore, Hughes, Downic, Tomb, and Phillips.

### SOCIAL GATHERING AND PRIZES.

The annual Social meeting of the Association took place on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., at the Club rooms, 34, St. Stephen's Green. The entertainment took the form of a Fancy-dress dance. The following were the prize-winners for the most successful costumes:—Sister Brazell, "S.S. *Maur-etania*"; Nurse Cummins, "Johnny Walker"; Nurse Hourehan, "Irish Colleen"; and Nurse Morris, "Cowboy."

## ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### "FORMATION OF CHARACTER."

The fifth lecture in the course arranged by the Royal British Nurses' Association and held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on March 14th, was of special interest to the members as Princess Christian, President of the Association, was in the chair.

### THE PRESIDENT'S OPENING WORDS.

Her Royal Highness said: "It gives me great pleasure to preside this afternoon, partly because a lecture by Sir Dyce Duckworth is sure to be well worth listening to, and partly because he is such an old friend of our Association and of my own. The subject which he has chosen is one of

very great interest, and, from a psychological point of view, will, I am sure, be specially so to nurses. His wide experience of human nature during his distinguished career must lead us to look forward with added interest to his treatment of a subject which, at the present time, I think, is one of peculiar importance."

### THE LECTURE.

Sir Dyce Duckworth, in the course of an interesting lecture, insisted on the importance of parental and nursery discipline, administered uniformly and without caprice. He touched also on the influences of heredity and education, on the special dangers of war conditions in regard to the upbringing of children, and spoke of labour and leisure as the two environments in which character was formed. He spoke of the new woman and her recently acquired power of the vote, and said he was unable to see that it would make for the supreme happiness of a man to be married to a woman who was a practical lawyer. The chivalry of man was largely sustained by the femininity of women. He concluded with the words of Abraham Lincoln, which, he said, might well be engraved under his statue in London: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true; I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have."

The Princess, in moving a vote of thanks to Sir Dyce Duckworth, said: "He has touched upon so many points, and has shown such broad under-

standing of human nature, that I feel certain that all of you here must have found in his lecture some meeting ground of common interest. May I once more assure Sir Dyce in all your names how greatly we have appreciated his lecture and how grateful we are to him for his kindness to our Association?"

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, and Mrs. Latter then moved a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness for presiding, which was warmly acclaimed, and said that by her presence in the chair the Princess inspired the members of the Association to go forward with that policy of expansion upon which it had entered.



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