

held in Harrogate, to which she had been elected a delegate of the Association along with Miss Thomas, City Hospital, Edinburgh, and Miss Gregory Smith, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Notice was given of a proposed alteration in Clause II of Constitution, to be submitted at next meeting.

THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

The Fund has moved its office from Duveen's antique shop, in Old Bond Street, although it is still advertised in blue letters a foot high—omitting of course the notification that it is "registered under the War Charities Act, 1916," an illegal proceeding in connection with many hoardings, for which the promoters of this Fund are apparently not held responsible. We wonder why. It is specially impertinent, as it was the Red Cross Society which agitated for the Act, so that money given by the public in support of war charities should have some redress if they were exploited by bogus appeals. We advise Lady Cowdray, Hon. Treasurer of the Fund, who is the prime advocate of this war charity for nurses and for the plutocratic methods of appeal which self-respecting members of our profession most heartily detest, to conform to the provisions of the War Charities Act, which directs that the words "Registered under the War Charities Act, 1916," shall appear on every appeal.

COMPARATIVELY FEW.

Speaking in Manchester in support of the charity, Mrs. Martin Harvey, an actress, in paying tribute to the work of the V.A.D.s in France, drew attention to the great strain which had been put upon the "comparatively few" trained nurses at the front, and suggested that the secure establishment of the College would prevent anything of the kind in future.

Comparatively few! We wonder what the 20,000 trained nurses, who have, by their devotion, saved thousands of lives, and attended the sick and wounded men of all allied nations with knowledge and skill, think of that. No wonder they fear the institution of a V.A.D. Register of which there are so many rumours, and which, under Clause 4 of the College Bill is practically provided for. We advise members of the College to look into this question *before it is too late.*

LEAGUE NEWS.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The nurses of the above League held their Autumn Social Meeting in the Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, on the afternoon of Friday, October 25th. The President was unable to be present. In her absence, the chair was taken by Miss Pell Smith. Many members wrote regretting their absence from illness and other causes, and

sent best wishes for the success of the meeting. An interesting address was given by Miss Prior, Organizer and Lecturer to the Leicester Health Society (Schools for Mothers). After the meeting the members greatly enjoyed tea, most kindly arranged for by Miss Vincent, R.R.C. (Vice-President), who was also unable to be present.

THE ROYAL VICTORIAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association on the election of Miss Gretta Lyons as their President. Except for a few months the Association since its foundation in 1901 has had a medical President, and it is surely fitting that this position should be filled by a trained nurse, more especially now that women are enfranchised citizens of the State.

No happier choice for the Presidency could have been made than that of Miss Gretta Lyons, who has for many years worked to secure the registration of trained nurses on self-governing lines in the State of Victoria, and to improve their professional and economic status.

Miss Lyons, who was trained at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, has kept in touch with nursing politics, both in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America, and is a leader of whom the Victorian nurses may well be proud. We hope that during her term of office the State Registration of Nurses will become an accomplished fact. Of this there seems considerable prospect as the Bill before the House is stated to be satisfactory, and to have, if some small amendments are incorporated, the approval of the Association.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin.—Miss Alice Reeves has been appointed Lady Superintendent. Miss Reeves was trained in the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, where she held the post of Sister. For the past ten years Miss Reeves has been Matron of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, where she has brought the hospital to a great state of perfection and where she is deservedly popular and will be immensely missed. Miss Reeves is well known in Ireland as one of its foremost leaders in nursing. She is Vice-President of the Irish Nurses' Association, which owes much to her spirited support, Hon. Secretary of the Irish Matrons' Association, a member of the Irish Nursing Board, and a delegate of the Irish Nurses' Association on the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, a reform for which she has worked with single-minded devotion for many years. Miss Reeves carries the good wishes of all

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