

**SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.****THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.**

A meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association was held in the Christian Institute, Glasgow, on Tuesday, December 2nd, to consider the Nurses' Registration Bill which has been introduced by the Minister of Health, and which does not legislate for a single combined register for the qualified nurses of the United Kingdom. Dr. Freeland Fergus, President of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, presided. Sir William Macewen said that the Bill as at present constituted must lead to a great deal of difficulty. Referring to the training of nurses, he said he had wanted the University a long time ago to establish classes for nursing, and he thought that should be done yet. Every University should have such classes, and they should be away from the infirmaries, except for clinical work. Nurses, in fact, should become students, and after having passed the necessary examinations, should be qualified for registration. He moved the following resolution:—"That no Nurses Registration Bill will be satisfactory which does not provide a single nursing authority for the United Kingdom, a single standard of training, a uniform examination qualifying for registration, and a single register," and this was adopted. Dr. A. K. Chalmers, Medical Officer of Health for the city, moved that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Ministry of Health and to the Scottish and all medical members of Parliament, which was agreed to.

It is to be hoped that the provision in the English Bill—which will no doubt be inserted in the Scottish and Irish Bills—that the Nursing Councils set up shall consult together with a view to securing a uniform standard of qualification in all parts of the United Kingdom, in order to obtain admission to the registers, may result in uniformity of training, examination and registration for the Nurses of the United Kingdom.

**THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**

The usual monthly meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at 34, Stephens Green on Saturday, December 6th, Miss Reeves, R.R.C., President, in the chair. The Secretary reported that during November two very interesting lectures had been given to the members and associates—one by Mr. McConnell, of the Century Insurance Co. on "Insurance and its Benefits for Nurses," and a lecture on "Public Health," by Dr. Alice Barry.

The Nurses' Registration Bill for Ireland was under consideration.

Letters were read from the Munster Branch of the I.N.A. asking the Executive Committee to support them in their applications to their respective Boards of Guardians for shorter hours and increase of salary. The Executive Committee decided to give them all possible support.

M. L. O'KEEFE, *Secretary.*

**SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.**

A special meeting of the members is to be held at an early date. This Society drafted and introduced the first Nurses' Registration Bill in 1904.

**PRESENTATION.**

A very delightful, and perhaps unique, presentation took place recently, when Mrs. Kerr-Lawson, Lady Superintendent of Queen Mary's Hostel at Bedford Place during the War, was made the recipient of a handsome Georgian silver tea and dessert service, and a beautifully illuminated parchment, the devoted work of the Canonesses Regular. This parchment is inscribed with the names of the first hundred donors, including the Matrons-in-Chief of England, of France, and of Canada and Australia. Over a thousand names of the Matrons, Sisters and Nurses subscribing to this tribute, have been written in a beautifully bound little album, in which, it is well known, many others unaware of the presentation, will regret not being included.

The enthusiasm in the Nursing Service to take part in this presentation has been remarkable. One sister, who had been an invalid, came breathlessly to the Treasurer, with outstretched hands, saying, "Am I too late?" She typified the spirit of all. The chief difficulty the Treasurer experienced was to restrain their generous impulses, but to meet this pleasant difficulty, it was decided to limit the subscriptions. Above all things it was the unofficial side of Mrs. Kerr-Lawson's work which so strongly appealed to the sympathies of the Sisters, her activities in their interests extending far beyond the limits of the Hostel. It will be an added interest to all that Her Majesty, the Queen, most graciously wished every success to the presentation, and was so very glad the Sisters had decided to present Mrs. Kerr-Lawson with a souvenir of their regard and devotion for her four strenuous years' work on their behalf.

**A CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK.**

Governess was somewhat surprised at the invasion of her sanctum in the luncheon hour by the tragic, picturesque figure of a small boy, aged four, who, though tearless, was wringing his little hands despairingly.

"Why, Victor, what has happened?"

"Oh! I've broked a doll's table, I've broked a chair, and I've broked a chest of drawers, and they are teacher's, and I promised to take care of them."

"Well now, that is very sad. You must see if you can't mend them for teacher."

His voice rose to a wail. "No, no, I can't, I can't. I can break, but I can't mend."

Exit the small whirlwind.

"Oh yes," said Governess, a smile coming into her shrewd eyes as she looked after him.

"His parents are on the stage."

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