

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Nursing Council for Ireland was held on Thursday the 9th instant, at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Sir Edward Coey Bigger, M.D., presided, and there were present: Sir A. Chance, Sir William Taylor, Professor R. J. Johnstone, M.P., Dr. P. T. O'Sullivan, Miss Curtin, Miss Bostock, Miss Walsh, Miss O'Flynn, Mrs. Blundon, Miss Huxley, Miss Reeves and Miss Michie. An apology for non-attendance was received from the Countess of Kenmare.

Mr. W. O'B. Reidy, Registrar, was in attendance.

The Reports of the Rules, Finance and Registration Committees were submitted to the Council and formally adopted.

The proposed establishment of a General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland was discussed by the Council, and the following resolution was unanimously passed on the proposition of Sir Edward Coey Bigger, seconded by Professor R. J. Johnstone, M.P.

Resolved:—"That the General Nursing Council for Ireland consider that the setting up of a separate Council for Northern Ireland will seriously interfere with the interests of Nurses; that the keeping of two separate sets of Registers in this country will occasion much extra trouble for Nurses who may be desirous of acting throughout the entire country and will mean that practically all nurses resident close to the boundaries will in all probability be penalized by having to pay double fees; that on the original passing of Nurses' Registration Acts it was only intended that there should be three Nursing Councils for Great Britain and Ireland and that the setting up of an extra Council will be confusing to Nurses in England, Scotland and Wales, and lastly, that a fully representative Meeting of Nurses in Belfast has already formally protested against the establishment of a Nursing Council for Northern Ireland.

We therefore believe that the proposed change in the present system of Registration of Nurses would be against the best interests of all classes of Nurses in Ireland."

The Registrar was directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the heads of the Governments in Ireland.

After the transaction of some further business, the meeting then adjourned.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The Dutch Nurses' Association (*Nosokomos*) has elected the following Delegates to attend the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen, May 22nd-24th:—

M. Verveij-Mejan, President.
M. Berkelbach v. a. Sprenkel, Secretary.
M. Kehrer, Editor *Nosokomos*.

We hear of several Registered Nurses who wish to attend the Meeting as Fraternal Delegates. We shall be able to give information at an early date as to routes, cost of journey, residence at Copenhagen, &c.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The votaries of the terpsichorean art had a very good time at the dance given by the P.U.T.N. at the Imperial Hotel, on March 7th, if one may judge by the clamour "for more" and "another as soon as you like, please!" with which the promoters have been assailed. A good floor, an excellent orchestra, and a room, though nicely full, not overcrowded, are the ingredients that go to make up a pleasant evening. Even to those who, for some reason or other, were obliged to sit and look on, the ever-changing kaleidoscope was intensely interesting, and the flower-like faces and flower-like dresses of the many pretty girls' made it a very attractive scene. Gentlemen not unknown in the medical world tripped it "on the light fantastic toe." Soldiers, *not* "bearded like the pard," though perchance "full of strange oaths," vied with each other for the hands and incidentally the feet of the fair damsels present.

There can be no doubt that the dance was a great success, and that everybody enjoyed it. Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Northwood, who had arranged it entirely, are very much to be congratulated, and it is hoped that it will be only one of the many entertainments given by the Social Club.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

We are asked to state that Hospitals in the County of London, or within nine miles of Charing Cross, desiring to participate in the grants made by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London for the year 1922, must make application before the 31st inst., to the Honorary Secretaries, 7, Walbrook, E.C.4. Applications will also be considered from Convalescent Homes which are situated within the above boundaries, or which, being situated outside, take a large proportion of patients from London.

The third House to House Collection of the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, which was carried out by 800 voluntary workers, totalled £2,261 os. 9d. Contributors Certificates to the value of £1,851 18s. 9d. were asked for in exchange for contributions. These certificates form a simple means whereby persons in good health can provide for Hospital treatment in case of need.

The Governor of Victoria, Lord Stradbroke, has received a telegram expressing the pleasure of the Princess Mary that the people of the State

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