

her youth, her talent, her energies, her whole life, yet failing to reach her high and lofty ideal, will ever have before her still higher heights to scale, and will never sink to the dead level of self-satisfaction which is the death of many a noble effort. And if in the past there had been no natures upborne and swept onward by grand aspirations, no superhuman efforts by which these aspirations were actually realised, what should not we of to-day have lost of worship, of inimitable example, of magnificent hope? In these earth-bound lives of ours, is all that is far-reaching and beyond the highest human effort of no avail? Rather—

“All that we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist,

Not its semblance, but itself. No beauty, nor good, nor power

Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the melodist,  
When Eternity affirms the conception of an hour.

The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard,

The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the sky,  
Are music sent up to God by the lover and the bard—

Enough that He heard it once, we shall hear it by-and-bye.”

## THE BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

A MEETING of the Council was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Medical Society's Rooms, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, at 4.45 p.m. In the absence of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, Mr. Savory, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, took the chair. There were present Miss Stewart (Matron of St. Bartholomew's), Miss Thorold (Matron of the Middlesex Hospital), Sir Dyce Duckworth, Dr. Matthews Duncan, Mr. Thos. Smith, Dr. Pavy, Dr. Clement Godson, Dr. Bezly Thorne, Dr. Sibley, Mr. Brudenell-Carter, Dr. Sainsbury, Mr. Owen Lankester, Mr. F. S. Randolph, Dr. Edward Fardon, and Dr. Octavius Sturges; Miss Fitzpatrick (Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Ryde), Miss East (National Hospital, Queen Square), Miss Hogg (Haslar Hospital), Miss Coke (Royal Hospital, Windsor), Mrs. Robinson (Wood End House, Hayes), Miss Edith Thompson (Bolingbroke Pay Hospital), Miss Whistler (Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham), Mrs. O'Kell (St. Saviour's Infirmary), Miss Agnes E. Spring (Hampstead Nursing Association), Miss Busby (General Hospital, Birmingham), Mrs. Perry (Whitechapel Infirmary), Miss Close (Kensington Infirmary), Miss Mollert (Chelsea Infirmary), Miss Maud Smith (Stockwell Fever Hospital), Miss Cooper (Victoria Hospital for Children), Miss A. K. Robertson (St. Helena Home), Miss Clarke (Western Fever Hospital), Miss Annie Armstrong

(Newlands, Ryde), Miss Mary Piggott (Victoria Hospital, Burnley), Sister Clara (Dr. Barnardo's Infirmary), Miss Griffiths (Lambeth Infirmary), Mrs. Core (East London Nursing Society), Miss Meyrick (Home for Invalid Gentlewomen), Miss Davies (East London Hospital for Children), and a large number of Sisters and Nurses from London and County Hospitals.

Miss WOOD, Hon. Secretary, read the Notice convening the meeting, and letters of regret at inability to be present at the meeting from various causes, and expressing much interest in the proceedings, from Sir Henry Acland, K.C.B. (Oxford), Miss Victoria Jones (Guy's Hospital), Mr. Wherry (Cambridge), Mr. Gilbert Barling (Birmingham), Mr. Sympson (Lincoln), Miss Morse (Children's Hospital, Nottingham), Miss Dewing (The Stafford Infirmary), Miss Spence (Children's Hospital, Birmingham), Sir Prescott Hewett, Bart., Miss Adams (Norfolk and Norwich Hospital), Miss Garrett (Kent and Canterbury Hospital), Miss Florence Robertson, Miss Doran (Borough Fever Hospital, Leeds), Miss Heanly (Boston Hospital), Miss Henrietta Stewart, R.R.C., Miss Rimington (General Hospital, Nottingham), Sir Joseph Fayrer, K.C.S.I., Miss Nott-Bower (Huddersfield Infirmary), Dr. Falconer Oldham (Monsall Fever Hospital), Miss Cadbury (Public Hospital, Sheffield), Miss Broadbridge (Cottage Hospital, Epsom), Dr. J. A. Ormerod, Mrs. Field, Dr. Philipson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. Davies-Colley, and many others.

Miss WOOD next read the Minutes of the previous meeting, and these were signed by the Chairman.

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK then read a series of reports from the Executive Committee to the following effect:—

1.—That since the last meeting of the Council, 489 Members had joined the Association: viz., 14 Medical men, 26 Matrons, and 449 Sisters and Nurses; making a total membership to date of 1,146. (Loud applause).

2.—That requests had been received from New Zealand, New South Wales, and other Colonies, to be allowed to form Branches of the Association in those parts of the Empire. The Executive Committee recommended the General Council to authorise the formation of Colonial and Provincial Branches, and the drawing up of the necessary Bye-laws and Regulations for their control and guidance.

This was unanimously adopted.

3.—That the Seal of the Association was being engraved in the design approved of at the last meeting, and that the Executive Committee recommended that the motto shall consist of the words, “Steadfast and True.”

A lady remarked that this was the translation of Her Royal Highness—the President's—family motto, “Treu and Fest.”

The motto was unanimously adopted.

4.—Several details of the proposed Charter were then explained, and their adoption advised.

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