

encouraging beyond all anticipation." (Loud applause.)

Mr. SAVORY then put the report of the Executive Committee, as a whole, to the meeting, and it was unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK then mentioned that many Members who had not had the honour of being elected to serve on the General Council were anxious, if possible, to attend its meetings as spectators only, and he proposed, Miss Wood seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that the Hon. Secretaries should have power to issue special cards of admission to such, without, of course, giving them the right to speak or vote at the meetings. It was also mentioned that the *Lancet* and *Nursing Record* had most generously inserted all advertisements for the Association free of cost, and had sent a special representative to this, and each previous meeting. (Applause.) It was found, however, now that the London daily papers would be glad to send representatives, and it was decided that, in future, they should be invited to do so.

Dr. SIBLEY then rose, and in felicitous terms proposed, "That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Savory for his valuable and constant assistance to this Association, and for taking the chair upon this occasion."

Miss STEWART seconded the motion, and it was carried by acclamation. The meeting was then adjourned to January 11, 1889, at five p.m.

### NURSING ECHOES.

\* \* \* *Communications (duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith) are especially invited for these columns.*

As I expected, the meeting of the General Council of the British Nurses' Association, held last Friday, at the Medical Society's Rooms in Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, was most interesting. The room was well filled, and everyone seemed to take the keenest interest in the business brought before the meeting. General regret was, of course, expressed at the absence of Princess Christian, who has hitherto always occupied the chair. But no better substitute for Her Royal Highness could have been obtained than Mr. Savory, who has been elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons, I believe, for four years in succession, an honour which is said to be as unprecedented as thoroughly deserved. Nearly everyone arrived with commendable punctuality, and in the hour or so which the meeting lasted an extraordinary amount of work was performed. The Registration

scheme aroused many questions, which elicited a good deal of extra information, and finally general satisfaction was expressed with the proposed plan.

BUT what excited most interest, evidently, was the suggestion that the Association should hold a *Conversazione*. It is a capital idea, and carried out with the powers of organization evidently possessed by the Association, should prove the greatest success. A friend has promised to obtain for me information how and when this *Conversazione* is to be held, but tells me that there is a rumour that an Exhibition of Nursing appliances from the various Hospitals is to be an interesting feature. Many speakers warmly advocated the privilege being accorded to members of bringing friends, at a fixed charge, to the *Conversazione*, and this was ultimately decided upon. It is to be open, however, to all who have become Members by the date at which it is held. I hope to have some definite information soon as to what is going to be done.

*Atropos* of the work of the Association, I hear that, in addition to the meetings recently attended by Miss Wood at Sheffield and Bradford, and reported in our columns, that energetic lady had the opportunity of meeting the Nurses at the Leeds Infirmary, and, in an informal way, of telling them something of the objects and work of the Association. She writes:—"As, however, the subject was quite new to them, it seemed advisable to wait a little, before discussing it further, though they seemed much interested, and went into some details. As Leeds is so in advance with its splendid Infirmary, and its Nursing Institutions, there is no doubt but that a question of so much importance to the Nursing profession will be well considered, especially if cordially recommended by the Medical men, who are all most determined to have their patients well nursed. It is worthy of remark that sometimes the effect of being well abreast with the times in a Hospital or Institution, has the effect of making the workers therein indifferent to the position of their fellow-workers outside their own four walls."

A KIND correspondent has sent me the enclosed cutting from *The Star* of the 8th instant:—"Mr. R. D. Roberts, whose name is well known in connection with the extension of University teaching among the miners of Northumberland, is about to marry Miss King, the Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He is a firm believer in the equality of the sexes, and does not intend that marriage shall cut short his wife's professional career, as is generally the case. It has accordingly been

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