

Nursing Echoes.

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A MEETING of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association will be held at 20, Hanover Square, on Friday, April 8th, at 5 p.m. Agenda—To receive Report from Executive Committee; Motion, by Dr. BEZLY THORNE, *re* Regulation V. General Council; Motion, by Dr. GAGE-BROWN, *re* according discretionary powers to the Executive Committee in the election of members; Motion, by Mr. DAVIES-COLLEY, *re* registra-



tion of early members of the Association; to approve list of new Council members for ballot.

THE children's fancy dress ball, postponed from January on account of the death of the DUKE OF CLARENCE, has been fixed for April 21, at Princes' Hall. The object is the endowing, in the Victoria Hospital, of a cot, which the PRINCESS OF WALES has named after her late son.

As a memorial to the late DUKE OF CLARENCE, it has been decided to name the new Home for District Nurses at Leeds, the "Clarence Home."

THE appearance of the DUCHESS OF ALBANY, patroness of the Sanitary Institute, at the Parkes Museum, the other afternoon, in the new character of an inventor of school furniture, was a decided novelty. HER ROYAL HIGHNESS was present at one of the institute lectures for ladies on domestic hygiene, having special reference to the effects of posture on the health of school children, and displayed a school seat and desk which she and her mother jointly designed. The invention is admitted to be highly suitable and practical, all the parts being adjustable to the work and physical development of a child, though other makers have naturally been able to effect improvements upon the Royal patent. The desk is still used by the DUCHESS's children, and she herself adopted a similar appliance during her studies until the age of eighteen. HER ROYAL HIGHNESS demonstrated the utility of her invention after the lecture.

It was announced at the annual meeting, at King's College Hospital, that, through a kind gift by Sister HENRIETTA, recently appointed Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, the electric light had

been introduced into the theatre; and, at an additional cost of £50, extended to the rooms in which out-patients are seen.

MR. H. YATMAN, the father of the courageous lady who came forward to expose the hardships endured by the Nurses at the London Hospital, proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, and especially drew attention to the great improvements they had effected in the position of the Nurses. The great controversy on the Nursing question had not been without its good results in benefitting Nurses. In regard to their food and holidays there had been a great improvement at other institutions, and they were much better cared for than before. He was specially thankful for what had been done for the Nurses at King's College Hospital.

ALL those who possess a copy of the new "Nursing Directory," will read with pleasure the regulations for, and conditions under which, the Probationers now work at King's College Hospital, Mr. YATMAN may congratulate himself that he is a Governor of at least one Hospital quickly going forward in a conscientious and intelligent manner towards the requirements of the modern standard in its Nursing department. May he have the courage to continue, at each Quarterly Court of the London Hospital, his protest against its antediluvian system and standard.

In its report of the Annual Meeting of the Middlesex Hospital, *The Charity Record* states:—

"LORD SANDHURST said it was more easy to get through the business with a small attendance, but it would be far more satisfactory if more Governors attended. At the same time, their absence must be taken as showing confidence in the Executive. He was much gratified with the work of the past year, and was sure that if the late Major Ross—who was Chairman for so many years—could see the way the Hospital was carried on now it would meet with his entire approval. There had been some changes, and more were contemplated. A Sub-committee had been appointed for the better auditing of the accounts, and the experiment had worked extremely well. Not a penny was spent that was not thoroughly investigated and audited. The Committee was endeavouring to alter the system of collection and so reduce the commission. They contemplated doing away with the office of House Steward, and so save £160 a year, and leaving the whole management in the Secretary's department. But it was a tentative scheme, and if it threw too much work upon the Secretary, they must try some other plan or revive the old one. New floors were much needed in the Wards, and he hoped that work would not be delayed by any more carpenters' strikes. They had tried the electric light in one Ward, and it did so well that it had been placed in some of the offices where ventilation was bad, and in the out-patient department, and it would be extended by degrees all over the Hospital. They were the pioneers in this, but St. George's were not far behind. The chances of fire were minimised, as they could do away with lamps or candles, and

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