

undertakings the Association may commence, in the future, will be carried out, at any rate, with that carefulness, both for the Nursing profession, the Medical profession, and the public, which has characterised all its past efforts. (Applause.)

DR. BEZLY THORNE: I have the pleasure to second Dr. Fenwick's resolution.

The proposition was adopted unanimously.

THE HON. SECRETARY (MISS GORDON): I have now to submit the list of the members of the Corporation, selected by ballot to act on the General Council for the forthcoming year, in accordance with the following report of the scrutineers: "We, the undersigned, have duly examined the voting papers for the General Council for 1893-4, handed to us by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and we desire to report that the list of names as sent out in the Nurses' Journal has been almost unanimously approved by the members who have returned their voting papers. (Signed) Grace Gordon, hon. sec., Bedford Fenwick, July 21st, 1893." I beg to move, "That the General Council as thus formed, with the addition of the following names, Rosamond G. Rolleston, Mary Truman, Juliet A. Curtis, and Sybil Pinchard, be elected to act for the next year, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to fill up any vacancies which may be caused in the list of names by death or resignation."

DR. ALDERSON: I have very great pleasure in seconding this list of the Council. It contains, if not all, certainly a large number of the best-known men in my profession; and it is very important to feel that we have such cordial support from the profession in our work.

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

DR. BEDFORD FENWICK: I have to propose a resolution which everyone will feel requires no words of mine to commend it to this meeting. Although we have on various occasions before, expressed our deep debt of gratitude to Her Royal Highness, it is thought that the first annual meeting of the Corporation should not pass without some definite resolution on this subject being made. I have, therefore, to propose this, which I am confident will meet with your hearty acceptance, "That this first annual meeting of the Corporation, desiring to convey in some small measure to the President the heart-felt gratitude which British Nurses feel to her Royal Highness for her great efforts to bring about an improvement in their profession, requests the General Council to prepare, and have suitably engrossed for presentation to Her Royal Highness, a resolution to this effect." (Applause.)

DR. BEZLY THORNE: I feel it a great honour to be allowed to second that resolution. It is difficult in the presence of Her Royal Highness to say very much on the subject, but it is known to everyone connected with the Nursing world, that the interest which her Royal Highness has always taken in everything that relates to Nursing, and in the personal welfare and comfort of Nurses, as well as in promoting every scheme which can be to their advantage, has endeared her to everyone of us—(applause)—so much so that it is no uncommon thing to hear Nurses allude to her as "Our Princess." (Applause.) I, therefore, think that any suggestions, such as that proposed by Dr. Fenwick, will meet with universal and heart-felt acquiescence. (Applause.)

SIR HENRY ACLAND: I presume this will be carried without further observation and by acclamation, and I have the honour, that being so, of presenting it to your Royal Highness. (After a pause.) I presume by your

Royal Highness' dignified silence that it is my duty to proceed. I have, therefore, to call upon the next speaker.

SIR DYCE DUCKWORTH: I rise with great pleasure to move the following resolution, "That the Royal British Nurses' Association, in general meeting assembled, desires to offer most hearty thanks to the Master of Balliol and the President of Magdalen for the use of the halls of their respective colleges, and the Dean of Christ Church, the heads of other Colleges, the Mayor of Oxford, and Miss Acland for the arrangements they have made to welcome and entertain the members of the Association." I feel quite sure that will commend itself to your judgment, and that you do really appreciate the great kindness and hospitality which is offered to you all to-day. This is a great year in the history of this Association, and I think in the future, to-day will be looked upon as a great day also in its history. It will be remembered, I think, in the future, that the first annual meeting of the new Corporation was held under the shade, and the ægis of this grand, glorious and venerable University, and not amongst the least of the things of that day will be the presidency of that distinguished man whom I am so pleased to see in the chair here to-day, and whom I am so pleased to serve under once again, as I have done so happily in the past in another place. It is a great thing for an Association like this to come here, and amidst all the sentiment and the traditions of this glorious city to feel itself assuming and forming a new body, coming into a concrete form, and becoming, as I think, it is destined to become in the future, one of the most important bodies in relation to the sick that we shall see in this country, because I think, as I have said before, that this Association has a very great future before it. We think it indeed kind that the master of this college should allow us to assemble in this beautiful hall for this meeting, and, as we shall adjourn, I believe, to another one of the most beautiful colleges in this University for a different purpose very soon, we shall see the obligations under which we lie to the heads of those respective colleges. But we must not forget others who are taking part in entertaining us to-day, and the resolution I move includes other distinguished persons in this University, and the head of this municipality in the person of its mayor. I assure you then, that feeling grateful for the hospitality provided for us here to-day, we desire to express those thanks in the most cordial way, and it is my pleasure and duty to move that we convey those thanks in the motion I have read.

MISS LOCH seconded the motion, which was heartily adopted.

SIR HENRY ACLAND: May it please your Royal Highness, I find by the statements of two or three different records of your proceedings I have received, that the Chairman has to deliver an address. Now, that is the last thing and the only thing that the Chairman does not desire to do on your behalf. I have received very positive instructions to give some address to the Nurses, but I think they will retort that I should learn the business myself. I am told that I must make no allusion to any controversial subjects, and I have been told of such a number of controversial subjects which might be alluded to, that I certainly have no intention of alluding to them. But I think it would be really disrespectful and wrong in me if I did not endeavour to say some serious words. You have heard the report, and upon that report you will, I am sure, feel that it is needless for

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