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THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

THE large, and most influential meeting which took place on the 13th inst. in the historical Hall of St. Bartholomew's

Hospital, under the able chairmanship of Miss ISLA STEWART, the Matron of that great institution, undoubtedly marks the commencent of a new era in the organisation of the Nursing profession in this country. A detailed account of the proceedings will be found in another column, and should be carefully studied by those who desire to understand the spirit which animated the gathering, and which was deeply significant, because it was undoubtedly typical of that which will guide the future progress of this movement.

The salient features upon which we desire to comment to-day are, firstly, that a new and most important body has been brought into existence, the influence of which, upon the settlement of many vexed questions relating to the education of Nurses, must be of the utmost value. To prove this it is only necessary to notice the names of those who were present at the Meeting, and of those others who would have been there had circumstances permitted them to attend. It is no figure of speech to say that, in the history of Nursing in this country, there never has been a previous movement, the initiation of which was so largely supported by the leaders of the Nursing profession.

A very important departure was taken by the decision to have a class of Associates, comprising those who now act as Ward Sisters. These ladies in their turn will probably become the Matrons of the future, and even, if they do not attain to that position, they will continue to hold



