

grounds would be to increase and make permanent the Memorial Home for Nurses, and for the surgical and medical care of special cases in every class of sufferers who need treatment by their own attendant and away from their own home. That they who founded the home in memory of their beloved friend should be willing to unite my name with it is goodness to us both, which I deeply feel but cannot express."

On the motion of the Bishop of Oxford, seconded by the Vice-chancellor, it was resolved that it was desirable that on the retirement of Sir Henry Acland from the Regius Chair of Medicine, his services to the University and city of Oxford and to medical science should be recognised by a testimonial. It was also resolved unanimously, on the motion of Professor Dicey, seconded by Dr. Church, and supported by Sir William Anson, that the testimonial should take the form of a provision for the increased usefulness of the Sarah Acland Home for Nurses, and without prejudice to any proposal for a personal memorial to Sir Henry Acland at the museum.

Princess Christian, who was very heartily received, then said,—I have been asked to move the third resolution, and I do so with great pleasure, because it has been my good fortune to be brought into somewhat intimate personal acquaintance with the conditions under which alone Nursing can bring to the suffering poor in their own homes the full benefit of modern medical and surgical treatment and their hygienic requirements. Without the aid of the thoroughly-trained district Nurse, the knowledge which rises from the great sources of scientific and medical instruction could never go beyond the homes of the well-to-do, or the wards of a properly-organised Hospital. It is when we thus approach the question which engages our attention to-day from a practical point of view that the intimate relations which bind together, as agents for effecting a common purpose, such institutions as the Oxford Museum, which is the creation of Sir Henry Acland, the Regius Chair of Medicine, which he has adorned for so many years, and the Nursing Home, which is so touchingly linked with his and another's name, so dear to him, must become apparent to all. It therefore seems to me in the highest degree appropriate, that funds which have been contributed with a view to perpetuating the memory of Sir Henry Acland's name and work, should be devoted to the purpose of carrying the benefits and blessings of the healing art to the homes of the poor who live under the shadow, and, so to speak, to some extent within the influence, of the University of Oxford, through the agency of the Sarah Acland Home. I therefore move that, "in view of the benefits conferred on all classes by the varied

services of the Sarah Acland Home, this meeting desires to see it established upon a more permanent footing, and that the contributions given be placed as a separate fund in the hands of trustees appointed to hold the same." Mr. Horatio Symonds seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman then read the names of the proposed Executive Committee as follows:—The Vice-Chancellor, the Mayor, the Dean of Christ Church, the Master of Pembroke, the Warden of All Souls, the President of Magdalen, Professor Max Müller, Mrs. Liddell, Alderman Gray and Alderman Buckell.

It was then announced that the scheme had already received the practical support of T.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Princess Christian, and the Duchess of Albany, the Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. Gladstone, Lord Rosebery, and the Duke of Westminster.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Matron's Council met on Thursday at the Matron's Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

WE feel sure that the Report published in this week's issue of the Second Annual Meeting of the Superintendents of Training Schools in the States will be read with much interest, and that the sisterly spirit which animates our colleagues across the Atlantic cannot fail to impress those of our Matrons at home who as yet feel that their individual duty to the Institution over which they preside (and to which many devote their lives), exempts them from the duty which they owe to their profession.

We would venture to remind these colleagues that no individual exemption is possible; at this particular period of Nursing organisation we are in need of the best brains, the most kindly interest, and the widest experience which our leading Matrons can bring to bear upon the great question of what is, or rather, what shall be in the future, "a trained Nurse," and we feel strongly that upon the Committees of the Matrons' Council work is awaiting every Matron who has a true sense of her public duty—as well as that she owes to the Nursing school over which she presides—and we have no doubt that in the coming year this call to duty will be generously responded to.

No one can read the admirable address of Miss Linda Richards, the late President of American Superintendents, without being impressed with the fact that it is mainly due to the self-sacrifice

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