

themselves to be intimidated and ruled out of order ; they have got a duty to perform and they must do it. A Bye-law which has been made by them can be altered or set aside by them and *must be* if it allows so gross an injustice to the welfare of the Association. That Nurses will, now that they have been made aware of the danger, permit their Association to be demolished after it has taken so much care to build up, I cannot believe. They must remember no builders are so good for advice about repairs and additions as those who watched the edifice rising brick by brick.

SUSAN M. HUGHES,
Member of the General Council, R.B.N.A.
Manchester.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have most gladly added to my voting paper the six names suggested by your correspondents of last week, and cordially agree with one who says that "the removal of the honoured names of the founders of the Royal British Nurses' Association from its governing body would be a disgrace, and the blame rest upon the members who do not protest against it." Surely there are few who do not understand and appreciate their past labours on our behalf, and will at least be aroused to do what they can, however little, to show their confidence and gratitude. Trusting that every member will protest against the proposed change,

Believe me, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,

ELEANOR E. RUST,
Registered Nurse.
Boston Spa, Yorks.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

MADAM,—May I be allowed to record my protest against the unjustifiable manner in which the voting paper for the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association has been drawn up. The first thing I notice is the addition of one extra name among the medical men, making 101 instead of 100 allowed by our Charter, and no names for retirement.

Then in the list of Matrons I find in italics (for retirement evidently) the names of you, our Foundress, and five of those ladies who so bravely supported you and who worked so hard with you to make our Association what it is.

Why is it? Why should we lose those ladies who have worked so well for us, and whom we trust and respect? *Now*, Nurse members, *now* is the time to show your appreciation of and loyalty to those who have done so much for you. Write the names of

Mrs. E. G. Fenwick,
Miss Isla Stewart,
Miss G. M. Thorold,
Miss L. Hogg,
Miss G. Rogers, and
Miss Loch,

on your voting papers in the Matrons' column, and don't forget to sign them ; and not only that, but come all of you to the Annual Meeting, and personally show your disapproval of the proposal that we should have a Council without our Foundress and her colleagues.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain, yours truly,

MARY BURR,
Member of the General Council, R.B.N.A.
London.

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H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE is the President of the Kensington Nursing Association, and she attended the Annual Meeting which was held on June 12th, at the Kensington Town Hall. This Society is affiliated with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and is also connected with the Metropolitan and National Nurses' Association.

A VERY interesting meeting of the School of Method in connection with the Matrons' Council, took place on Thursday of last week at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, when Mrs. Eva McLaren again conducted one of her charming lessons in the method of procedure at public meetings. The Bye-laws of the Matrons' Council were thoroughly debated and discussed, among those who took part being Miss Stewart, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Ridley, Miss Violet Clarke, Miss Robertson, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Hughes, Sister Lawrence, and others. It is most important that all women holding positions of authority should be thoroughly conversant with the mode of procedure at meetings. Without this knowledge, however good her will, she can accomplish very little public work.

WE congratulate Miss Thorold, Matron of the Middlesex Hospital, on the very practical appreciation expressed on the part of the Committee, of her long and valuable services to the Hospital.

NURSE NORRIS, of Whitbread Ward, Middlesex Hospital, has retired at the age of sixty, after having been in the service of the Hospital for twenty-five years. The Board has granted her a pension of £20 a year in recognition of her services, and all who know her wish her a pleasant leisure after her work.

A CORRESPONDENT writes :

"I and my fellow Nurses are puzzled by the term "Laughing Cure," mentioned in a report of a Case of Dyspepsia in your issue of May 25th, and should be much obliged if you would be kind enough to explain in your paper."

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