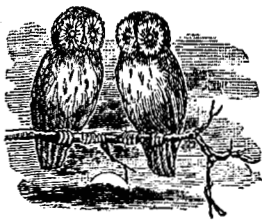


Upon the departure of the surgeon, the Nurse will immediately attend to the personal comfort of the patient, clear away at once all *débris*, make the room tidy and cosy, regulating the ventilation, and replace on the bed-table all the Lares and Penates (how droll some of them are!) which the majority of patients love to have at hand—the buttonhole of flowers, watch, scent bottle, and *the* photograph, which sometimes is “Darby” or “Joan,” the dear “first born,” or the “last baby;” occasionally a sweet shy girl’s face looks out of the picture, and sometimes a very suspicious empty frame remains on the table, and upon shaking up the pillow Nurse will find—but there, these are just the little secrets of the Home Hospital which must be held sacred.

(To be continued.)

Matrons in Council.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.



A MEETING of the Council will be held on Thursday, October 24th, at 3 o'clock, at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

AGENDA.

- (1) To read and confirm the Minutes.
- (2) To receive Report from Executive Committee.
- (3) To receive applications for Membership.
- (4) To elect Hon. Officer and Executive Committee.

Resolutions.

- (5) “To propose 'as Hon. Members—Mrs. Hunter Robb, Miss Louise Darche, Miss Lavinia L. Dock,” by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
- (6) “That a Nursing Dictionary be compiled under the direction of the Matrons' Council,” by Miss Frances M. Hughes.
- (7) “That it is the duty of a Matron to respect the creed of her Nurses,” by Miss Antrobus.
- (8) “To suggest a scheme for Preliminary Education of Probationary Nurses, and to move a resolution,” by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

A conference will be held at 8.30 in the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square. Paper, “A Uniform Curriculum of Education for Nurses,” by Miss Isla Stewart; Discussion.

Three post-graduate demonstrations in Practical Nursing will be held during the winter. The dates, when fixed, will be announced in the NURSING RECORD and other weekly papers.

Miss Brennan, Superintendent of the Training School for Nurses in connection with the Bellevue Hospital, New York City, has been elected to, and has signified her acceptance of, honorary membership of the Matrons' Council. The Bellevue Hospital is one of the oldest and largest hospitals in the United States, and has the honour of being the first Hospital in America to organise a Nurse Training School, and was, we believe, the only American hospital to obtain a gold medal for its exhibits at the Paris Exhibition in 1886.

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DR. CALVERT, the Treasurer, and Dr. Bezly Thorne, the Medical Hon. Secretary, will not seek re-election as officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association at the General Council Meeting.

A BRILLIANT idea has occurred to the Guardians of St. Olave's Infirmary. At the recent meeting, on the motion of Mr. Ecroyd, the

Guardians concurred with the Bramley Union in the opinion that all Poor-law officers should be placed under the sole control of the Guardians, and decided to write to the Local Government Board asking them to bring about this reform. The Medical Superintendent and Matron at present have an appeal to the Local Government Board.

After the recent proceedings upon the part of these gentlemen—when they denied to the Matron of the Infirmary the right of liberty of speech, pen and professional opinion, facts which, as they have been recorded in our columns, have probably reached the notice of the Local Government Board—we are of opinion that the said Guardians would be wiser “not to ask for more.” They may perchance remember what occurred to Oliver Twist under similar circumstances.

We are accused by a correspondent of a terrible inaccuracy in our report of the festive tea parties indulged in by certain Guardians in a Charge Nurse's room at St. Olave's Infirmary. We are gravely informed that “muffins” were absent from the festive board, “tea, shrimps, and winkles” were the delicacies under which it groaned. It is our constant endeavour to be accurate, and we apologise to the Guardians of St. Olave's for asserting that they were consuming muffins when they were devouring the humble winkle with their tea.

The *South London Press* feels it necessary in defence of its friends to devote much of its valuable space to an attempted denial of our criticisms. Our contemporary makes a number

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