

women on our Association who will not permit the fulfilment of an impudent attempt to introduce the principles of Tammany Hall into our Association, without a determined public protest.

PROPOSED LIST OF SISTERS AND NURSES.

L. V. Callender	Middlesex Hospital.
F. Cox	"
A. M. Edwards	"
R. Pratt	"
P. Pugsley	"
C. Stuart	"
M. Taylor	"
M. M. Wethered... ..	"
A. Winwood	"
E. Hall	"
S. Hughes	"
T. Newlands	"
L. Newman	"
S. Allbrook	Chelsea Workhouse Infirmiry.
M. Brown	"
M. A. Coates	"
M. Humphries	"
G. Jackson	"
F. Ponter	"

Jessie Bouchier	Late Army Nursing Service.
G. L. Cruikshank	New Hospital for Women.
Margaret Dempster	"
Grace Gordon	"
G. M. Greenstreet	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
M. M. Haines	Infirmiry, Leicester.
Frances G. Holliday	"
J. P. Jamieson	"
G. N. B. Payne	"
Mabel Sleigh	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Eleanor Vernet (cert. Middlesex)	National Hospital.

To comply with the Bye-law, Section E., No. 4, it is necessary that four more names should be removed from the Council list, and four new Nurses elected, but the Sub-Committee has ignored the provisions of the Charter and Bye-laws as completely as it has overlooked other considerations.

We venture to hope—and we believe the majority of our readers will feel with us—that as this list has been passed by a small Council, largely composed of members of the Executive Committee—who adopted the list without the slightest inquiry as to its composition when presented by the Medical Hon. Secretary, Mr. Fardon—and as in consequence it must be sent out to the members of the Corporation, those ladies who have been nominated from Middlesex and Chelsea (we hope without any knowledge on their part of the injustice which their election would entail on their colleagues from other Institutions, and of the inevitable opposition which must be advanced against their election) will take immediate steps to prevent themselves being placed in so invidious a position. We hope that they will at once demand that their names shall be withdrawn from the Council list. These Institutions have already very full representation on the General Council, as we have shown, and the Matrons of both Institutions are amongst those nominated for election this year. The attempt to override the representatives of other Hospitals on the Corporation, by this unjustifiable and overwhelming representation, lays these ladies open to the accusation that they have consented to this proceeding—an accusation which we shall refuse to believe until they have had an opportunity of disproving it.

An excuse for this attempt to pack the Council on the part of the hon. officers has been attempted by the

plea that the application made to the Matrons on the Executive Committee to nominate Nurses for the Council was practically unresponded to. That many self-respecting members of the Association decline to take part in its affairs, after the persecution of Miss Barlow, is not surprising. But the excuse is ridiculously feeble, because the great body of Hospital Matrons on the Association were not applied to, and there are 2,500 members of the Royal British Nurses' Association to select representatives from. It is, finally, a most significant fact that every medical man who has expressed an independent opinion concerning the recent proceedings of the Committee, has been removed from the Council; and no Nurse who has differed in opinion with the officials has been replaced on the new Council list.

Nursing Echoes.

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GLoucester is coming well forward in subscriptions in support of the District Nursing Society, which is doing such splendid work in providing a veritable army of Nurses to tend to the sick in all parts of the town.

A DEPUTATION of the Workhouse Infirmiry Association recently waited on Mr. Chaplin, President of the Local Government Board, on the question of the insufficient number of Nurses employed in Workhouse Infirmaries and the unsatisfactory professional status of those engaged in such Infirmaries. Lord Montagu of Beaulieu introduced the deputation, which consisted of Miss Louisa Twining, Lady Wantage, the Marchioness of Lothian, Dr. T. Dolan, and others.

Lord Montagu said the Association was founded in 1879 in order to supply Boards of Guardians with competent and duly-trained Nurses. Over 700 Nurses had been appointed, and of these 135 were now at work. There could be little doubt that the present state of Nursing in the majority of Workhouse Infirmaries was capable of improvement; that it was desirable to promote the employment of paid and efficiently-trained Nurses in all such places; and that the appointment of a Hospital-trained lady Superintendent to be at the head of each staff of trained Nurses was essential to the efficiency of the system.

Mr. Chaplin said he would carefully consider the complaint that in so many Infirmaries the Nursing Staff was still insufficient. So far as country Infirmaries were concerned he did not see his way, at present, to make the Trained Nurses entirely independent of the

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