

### Honesty is the Best Policy.

We had hoped that it would have been unnecessary to again allude to the methods pursued by Miss Etta Jackson and her co-operators in the formation of her Society of Private Nurses, but we think it is only fair to the loyal members of the Registered Nurses' Society—whose work the new Association is attempting to obtain—to expose the methods which are being adopted by the latter. One member complains to us that Miss Etta Jackson has *written to her three times*, suggesting that she should leave the Registered Nurses' Society and join the new Society. Another has received two letters to the same effect. Nurses employed by at least one medical man who is co-operating with Miss Jackson are being advised by him to act contrary to their sense of honour and desert the pioneer Society of Chartered Nurses.

Applicants whose names and addresses were kept in the office, and of course were unknown, except to the officials, and who were to have joined the Registered Nurses' Society when vacancies occurred, have been applied to to join the new Society.

We feel sure that those who disapprove of such methods, will be pleased to hear that every member of the Registered Nurses' Society is being kept in excellent work.

### Appointments.

MISS FLORENCE WHITLEY has been appointed Sister of the Martha Ward (gynæcology) at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She entered the Training School in 1890, gaining her certificate in 1893. For the past two years she has held the position of Night Superintendent. Miss Whitley is a Registered Nurse, and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We can only wish her an equally long and successful career as that of her predecessor, Miss Bristow.

Miss Julia Moule has recently been appointed as out-patient Sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road. Miss Moule was trained at Charing Cross Hospital and the Metropolitan Hospital by S. John's House. She has also done private Nursing, and District Nursing in connection with the same Institution. Miss Moule has for some time past acted as out-patient Nurse at the Metropolitan Hospital, and the fact that when the Committee decided to make the out-patient appointment a permanent one, they offered the post to Miss Moule, is the best proof that can be given of the confidence that those in authority have in the excellence of her work.

### Royal British Nurses' Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."



DEAR MADAM,—As one of the fourteen representative Matrons named in the Incorporation Clause of the Royal Charter, I venture to say a few words at the present crisis in the history of the Association.

The members of the Royal British Nurses' Association are, I think, much indebted to you for your analysis in the last number of the NURSING RECORD, of the proposed list of new members for the Council. I quite think with you that there are many honourable men and women in our Association who will not permit this list to come into force without a public protest, and it would seem that the most fitting occasion for such a protest would be at the Annual Meeting, to be held this year in the great hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The General Meeting, however, seems the best opportunity for a public protest, and I believe that very many early members of the Association, who care about it and its original principles, would gladly make such a protest. You are good enough always to open the columns of the NURSING RECORD for the ventilation and discussion of nursing matters. May I, therefore, put the subject before your readers and suggest that any such protestation should be somewhat on the following lines.

To protest—

- (1) That in the new list of the proposed Council your name is not included. If indeed, as we were told last year, that by an unhappy quibble in a By-law it was necessary that you should retire for a year—a thing which was never the original intention of the Association—still your disability to serve on the Council now no longer exists, and I am unable to believe that the majority of the members of the Association do not wish that you, its originator and foundress, should have a seat on its Council.
- (2) That except the Matron of the Middlesex there is now no Matron of a London Hospital to which a Training School is attached, suggested for a seat on the Council.
- (3) The grossly unfair and unrepresentative nature of the proposed list for the Council.
- (4) The action of the Association with regard to State Registration. If in the opinion of the Association the time has not come for pressing State Registration the Royal British Nurses' Association yet owes it to its members to show why it commits them to the policy that "a legal system of Registration of Nurses is inexpedient in principle, injurious to the best interests of Nurses, and of doubtful public benefit."

It is noteworthy, moreover, that the representative of the Royal British Nurses' Association was the *only trained Nurse* who voted against State Registration when the matter was put to the vote.

It appears to me that on each of these scores the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association have a legitimate ground for grievance.

I must say that I view the condition of things in the Royal British Nurses' Association with increasing

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