

Eleanor C. Vernet	...	Middlesex Hospital.
Kate S. Vernon	...	24, Princes Street.
Clara Waller	...	31, Westbourne Terrace.
Mary Watkinson	...	London Homœopathic Hospital.
Jane Westbrook	...	24, Formosa Street, W.
Mary M. Wethered	...	Middlesex Hospital.
L. Gaved-Wills	...	South Devon and Exeter Hospital.
Jane S. Wilson	...	London Temperance Hospital.
Anna C. S. Winwood	...	Middlesex Hospital.
Alice L. Wooll	...	Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street.
Ada Yorke, R.R.C.	...	Gros Pints, Jersey.
Mary A. Young	...	Nurses' Hostel, Cambridge.

In addition to the Middlesex and Chelsea staff it will be observed five Middlesex nurses now working elsewhere are also placed on the General Council!!

The following table taken from the above list will show how misleading the list inserted in the *Nurses' Journal* by Mr. Fardon is, and how unjust is the representation of each institution:—

Hospital.	No. Beds.	Nursing Staff.	Representation.
St. Bartholomew's	678	240	3
St. George's	351	119	4
MIDDLESEX	321	99	17!!!
St. Mary's	281	72	2
Royal Free	160	44	1
Great Northern	112	31	1

ONE POOR LAW INFIRMARY, ONLY, REPRESENTED, VIZ. :—

Chelsea Infirmary	6!!!
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It will be observed that the Middlesex Hospital, which possesses a staff of 69 *sisters* and *nurses*, has 17 seats on the General Council—that is, every FOURTH nurse at this Hospital has a seat on the governing body of the Association!

The remaining five general hospitals, whose combined nursing staffs amount to 506, have only 11 votes!!

Again, out of the six hon. officers, two are the medical superintendent and the matron of the Middlesex Hospital!

On the medical list of the General Council the representation of the London general hospitals given above is as follows:—

St. Bartholomew's	...	...	...	6
St. George's	...	...	...	4
MIDDLESEX	...	...	...	9
St. Mary's	...	...	...	2
Royal Free	...	...	...	2

So that it will be observed that it is proposed that the Middlesex Hospital shall have twenty-seven votes on the governing body of the Association, the Chelsea Infirmary 7 (including the matron), making in all 35. And from Mr. Far-

don's own table in the *Nurses' Journal* we find that as the average attendances at a General Council Meeting are 63, the Middlesex Hospital and Chelsea Infirmary are simply placed in the position to *control the vote on any subject*. Of course, the list sent out to the members for signature gives absolutely no details for the guidance of members, so that the election is reduced to a mere farce, members being compelled to sign a list of names only, prepared by the hon. officers.

We observe, moreover, that the hon. officers have this year numbered all the envelopes, in which it is requested the signed lists shall be returned to the office, *with the Number of the member on the Roll*. The only possible reason for this immense labour being taken is that Mr. Fardon shall be enabled to know from whom every voting paper comes—if *unwisely sent back in the official envelope*. We leave our colleagues possessing a vestige of common sense, to draw their own conclusions from this latest proceeding on the part of the officials.

It is reported that Mrs. Dacre-Craven has resigned her position as Nurse Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association. It will be remembered that the suggestion that this lady should be appointed to the office in question, aroused very considerable comment and opposition on the part of the leading nurse members of the Association, at the General Council Meeting held in April, 1895, and that these members absented themselves from the meeting when this unpopular appointment was made. It was well known that Mrs. Dacre-Craven had done nothing to help the Association in its early work, and that she only joined it when its success seemed assured by the grant of the Royal Charter.

Miss E. G. E. Guisepe, late Clerk of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has resigned her position. It will be remembered that it was this official who stated that the Resolution proposed by Miss Breay, and which she was forbidden to propose, by Sir James Crichton-Browne, at the last annual meeting, had not been received in a registered letter. By the courtesy of the General Post Office, Miss Breay has since been enabled to photograph and publish the receipt for the registered letter in question signed by "E. G. E. Guisepe." It is needless to say that no apology has ever been tendered to Miss Breay by Miss Guisepe, and her resignation cannot therefore be deeply deplored by the members.

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