

Legal Matters.

BREAY v. THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

IT will be remembered that Mr. Justice North, on May 19th, granted an Injunction in this case, restraining the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association from expending their funds, in defending an action for libel brought by Dr. Bedford Fenwick against Miss Josephine de Pledge, until it had been tried and decided whether the Association under its Charter had the power to expend its funds in such a manner. The defendants appealed against this Injunction, and this was heard before Lords Justices Lindley, Lopes and Chitty, on June 17th. The Judges held that Miss de Pledge was employed by a Sub-committee of the Association, who were the proprietors of the Journal, and therefore responsible for whatever appeared in it; that she was acting under the instructions of the Executive Committee in publishing a libel in their Journal, and it was therefore within their power to pay the costs of her defence; that the question practically was one of master and servant, and that the Association being a Corporation did not alter the question of its right to defend those who acted under its instructions. They therefore allowed the appeal. It would be of course improper for us to comment upon the questions at issue in the libel action. But it is, at any rate, certain that the Association has not been consulted upon this matter, because no meeting of the members has been held since the article which is impugned was published; and it is, we are aware, felt by many members of the Association that Miss Breay has performed a very disagreeable and invidious duty in publicly questioning the right of the officials to spend the funds subscribed by the nurses for their own benefit, in legal proceedings brought by one member of the Association against another, and not directly against the Association itself.

AN OMISSION.

WE are requested by Messrs. Southall Bros. and Barclay to state that they regret having omitted in their list of Prize-winners, published in the NURSING RECORD, of June 19th, that Nurse Sarah Hayes holds a certificate from the City of London Maternity Hospital, in addition to her training at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Nursing Echoes.

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WE beg most gratefully to acknowledge the sums of £10 from Baroness de Stern, through Mrs. Lionel Lucas; £5 5s. from Mr. Charles C. Baily; £1 1s. from Miss Miriam Ridley; and 1s. from Miss Acocks; for the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton.

It is announced that the Queen has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Nursing Sister Louisa Watson Tulloh, Army Nursing Service, in recognition of her services in tending the sick and wounded in Egypt during the period 1888 to 1894.

THE Lady Mayoress generously provided 170 seats in St. Paul's churchyard, in order that nurses might have an opportunity of seeing the Diamond Jubilee Procession. The fortunate nurses were selected from St. Bartholomew's, the London, Guy's, University College, the Evelina, the Victoria, the Middlesex, the Metropolitan, and King's College Hospitals, the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell. We feel sure that the kindly thought of the Lady Mayoress was much appreciated by the nurses, whose picturesque dress added much to the beauty of the scene.

THE Guardians of the Poor in Shoreditch have erected a new nurses' home in connection with their infirmary in the Kingsland Road. The new building is built round a square well-like yard open to the sky. The advantage of this being, that much additional light and air are secured for the building. There is a large recreation room, and a reading room, and separate bedrooms are provided for the nurses. The Guardians are to be congratulated on the provision which they have made for their nursing staff. They will doubtless reap the benefit of their action in obtaining a high class of nurses, and it may be hoped a permanent, and contented staff.

THE St. Pancras Infirmary, Dartmouth Park Hill, was on the 18th inst. thrown open, as is the

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