

The Members' Rights Defence Committee, therefore, submit the following points:—

1. That no necessity exists, or has been shown, for the total re-casting of Bye-Laws, which have served the Association from its foundation.
2. That the proposed Bye-Laws were drawn up by the present officials, viz., the three Vice-Chairmen the Treasurer, and the Medical Honorary Secretary of the Association.
3. That the chief effects of these Bye-Laws would be (a) to withdraw definite and important rights accorded to the members under the present Bye-Laws; (b) to break pledges given to the Matrons of the leading Hospitals and to important medical bodies; (c) to make the governing bodies small and totally unrepresentative of the nursing or medical profession; (d) to make the members of those bodies practically the nominees of the said officials, and to make the Executive Committee a small permanent clique.
4. That grave charges of mismanagement of the Association were, last June, made publicly against the very officials who now desire to be given supreme and uncontrolled authority over its affairs. And the said officials have during the last six months conspicuously refrained from exhibiting any inclination or intention to seek for the public inquiry which has been demanded by those who formulated these charges.
5. That at a large and influential Public Meeting, held on October 13th, at St. Martin's Town Hall, the following Resolution was unanimously passed, and similar Resolutions have been passed at other Public Meetings:—

"That this Meeting expresses the astonishment, which is widely felt, that the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association have not demanded a public Inquiry into the grave charges made against their management, because such a reluctance on their part admits of only one explanation. In view of the great public and professional interests which are involved, this Meeting considers that such an Inquiry is imperatively needed, and it, therefore, hopes that all Members of Parliament will support the motion for the appointment of a Select Committee which will be made, next session, in the House of Commons."

Signed by order, and on behalf, of

THE MEMBERS' RIGHTS DEFENCE COMMITTEE,

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Secretary.

46, YORK STREET,
PORTMAN SQUARE, W.

December 17th, 1897.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS BRIDGFORD has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Cambridge District Nursing Institute—upon the resignation of Miss Kynaston. Miss Bridgford was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; held the position of Sister for six years at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and has been for three and a half years on the staff of the Kensington District Nursing Association.

MISS MATILDA ATTHILL has been appointed Matron of the Royal Derby and Derbyshire Nursing and Sanitary Association. Miss Atthill trained at Addenbrooke's and Guy's Hospitals, and holds the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society. Miss Atthill has had considerable experience in connection with the Mildmay Deaconesses' Institution, and for three years held the post of sister of the female wards at the Jaffa Hospital.

MISS A. E. MANDELL BELL has been appointed as Matron of the Convalescent Home in connection with the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, at Highgate. Miss Bell, who was trained at Pendlebury, has been sister of the infectious block of the Hospital for Sick Children, for the last seven years.

SISTER.

MISS JARMAN has been appointed Sister at the Essex and Colchester Hospital. Miss Jarman, who has recently been acting as Charge Nurse at the South-Western Fever Hospital, was trained at St. Mary Abbott's Infirmary, Kensington.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS SARAH J. MACBETH has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Chesterfield Workhouse Hospital. Miss Macbeth was trained at the Chorlton Union Infirmary.

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