

remarkable dictum which was loudly applauded by the nurses present!! The audited accounts were then adopted.

Mr. Fardon then read the Annual Report, and at great length explained that the bye-laws had been altered, because the General Council was subservient to the Executive Committee, which was "largely composed of matrons who could not be removed," while the nurses and sisters had no representation at all. Now, the latter had as many representatives as the former, and all were on the same footing. At the same time, Mr. Fardon explained that there was "an open door" for matrons to be put on the General Council.

The report was passed without any discussion. The General Council for the ensuing year was elected, and votes of thanks to everybody were passed, and the meeting adjourned.

THIRTY Matron members, many of whom took an active part in founding the British Nurses Association, and worked with the utmost devotion for the Royal Charter, have this week resigned their membership of the Association, as they decline to remain members under the new Bye-Laws. Amongst those who have severed their connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association are:—Miss Cassandra Beachcroft, Lincoln County Hospital; Miss Gertrude Knight, General Hospital, Nottingham. Miss H. Poole, The Infirmary, Blackburn. Miss K. V. Macintyre, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.

Mrs. Mathias, Royal United Hospital, Bath.

Miss Mary Harris, Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.

Miss Hay-Forbes, General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Sophia Wingfield, late Matron, The Infirmary, Macclesfield.

Miss M. Breay, late Matron, Metropolitan Hospital.

Miss E. Cartwright, late Matron, New Hospital for Women.

Miss S. Cartwright, Secretary, Registered Nurses' Society.

Miss Margaret Huxley, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

Miss Bradshaw, Royal Hospital for Incurables, Dublin.

Miss Brewerton, Zanzibar Hospital, E.A.

Many other Matrons having ceased to pay their subscriptions for upwards of two years, are no longer members of the Association, although they are classed as such in this year's Register.

THE resigning Matrons have sent a letter stating the reasons which have compelled them to resign membership of their own professional Association, requesting that it may be inserted in the forthcoming issue of the *Nurses' Journal*. It is to be hoped that it will not be "suppressed" by the Editorial Committee.

Queen's Nurses at Grosvenor House.

IN the year of Diamond Jubilee, the Queen received her nurses at Windsor Castle; and a red letter day it was for all "Queen's Nurses" who took part in the Fête. Last week, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster lent Grosvenor House for the ceremony connected with the Jubilee Institute. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. L. B. Peile, master of St. Katherine's and President of the Jubilee Institute, and Princess Christian distributed the badges to the nurses to whom they were due, and a brilliant company assembled to enjoy and grace the scene.

THE following received the silver badges for long and efficient service:—Miss M. Armstrong (assistant inspector), Miss C. A. Blackmore (assistant superintendent, Irish branch), Miss I. Cairnie (East London Nursing Society), Miss E. H. Curtis (Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association), Miss W. E. Dodds (Camberwell Nursing Association), Miss A. J. Franklin (Chelsea and Pimlico Nursing Association), Miss A. Michie (Cornwall County Nursing Association), Miss M. J. Murphy (Southampton branch), Miss F. Saunders (Peterborough Nursing Association), Miss G. M. Shalder's (St. Olave's Nursing Association), Miss A. E. Stone (Westminster Nursing Committee), Miss E. Waller (Birmingham Nursing Society), and Miss E. L. Ward (Southwark, Newington, and Walworth Nursing Association). Five certificates were presented to nurses on the completion of two years' service and nearly 80 badges were awarded to nurses on their appointments as "Queen's nurses."

THE Duke of Westminster, in briefly welcoming the Princess, mentioned that at the present time there were 399 nursing associations and six county associations in the United Kingdom affiliated to the institute. Since the beginning of the present year there had been an addition of 191 nurses to the roll of "Queen's nurses," showing that the institute was progressing somewhat rapidly. The work of the association was altogether beyond praise. The nurses might well be proud of forming a part of that great, increasing, and thoroughly well-trained army, banded together for the alleviation of disease, for combating with disease and its consequent misery, and in some cases even with death. Last year was a very memorable one in the annals of the institute, both from the fact that the Queen had received the nurses at Windsor and that the institute had been able to raise a very considerable fund owing to the celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Altogether the institute was in a most satisfactory position, but it should not be forgotten that as the work and the army of workers increased, the responsibility of those charged with the conduct of the work

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