

a profession in which the sympathy and tenderness of women was worthily employed. The profession of nursing must always be auxiliary to medicine, and if the association was carried out in the way proposed it would be productive of great benefits.

Miss MOLLETT said the object of association was to obtain the legal status of a profession, and a charter to enable them to register properly trained nurses. She urged all nurses to become members of the association.

The resolution was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Sir HENRY ACKLAND, in proposing a vote of thanks to Princess CHRISTIAN, pointed out H.R.H.'s peculiar fitness to fill the place of president of the British Nurses' Association. Not only was she the able translator of a book on first aid to the sick and wounded, but the visitation of the sick formed a part of her daily life.

Dr. QUAIN, in seconding the vote of thanks, rejoiced that the Sairey Gamps of a former day had given place to the well-trained and educated ladies who did the nursing of to-day.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Sir JOSEPH FAYRER, and seconded by Dr. DOUGLAS POWELL.

THIRD MEETING.

AT the Middlesex Hospital on Feb. 24th Dr. Douglas Powell occupied the chair, and amongst those present were—

H.R.H. Princess Christian, Miss Wood, Dr. Coupland, Dr. Samuel Fenwick, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Mr. Hulke, Dr. Sibley, Dr. Ormerod, Dr. Kingston Fowler, Mr. Harrison Cripps, Dr. Norman Moore, Mr. Herbert Page, Dr. Langdon Down, Dr. Pavy, the members of the Executive Committee of the association, matrons of hospitals and a number of sisters and nurses.

After considerable discussion respecting the bye-laws the meeting closed.

After a short interval, H.R.H. Princess Christian took the chair at a meeting of the General Council. The hon. officers and Executive Committee were elected as follows:—

PRESIDENT: H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. VICE-PRESIDENTS (first list): Sir James Paget, Bart.; Sir Prescott Hewett, Bart.; Sir Spencer Wells, Bart.; Sir Joseph Lister, Bart.; Sir Henry Ackland, K.C.B.; Sir Thomas Crawford, K.C.B.; Sir George Paget, K.C.B.; Sir John Watt Reid, K.C.B.; Sir Joseph Fayrer, K.C.S.I.; Sir Guyer Hunter, K.C.M.G., M.P.; Sir J. Crichton Browne, Sir Dyce Duckworth, Sir Alfred Garrod, Sir William MacCormac, Sir George H. A. Macleod, Sir William Roberts, Sir Edward Sieveking, Sir William Stokes, Dr. James Andrew, Dr. Banks, Mr. Joseph Bell, Professor E. H. Bennett, Dr. Langdon Down, Dr. Matthews Duncan, Mr. Erichsen, Dr. Samuel Fenwick, Professor Lund, Professor Marshall, Dr. Pavy, Dr. Quain, Mr. Savory, and Mr. Thomas Smith. TRUSTEES: His Grace the Duke of St. Albans and His Grace the Duke of Abercorn. TREASURER: Robert Barclay, Esq. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: H.R.H. Princess Christian, of Schleswig-Holstein, Sir Dyce Duckworth, Dr. Samuel Fenwick, Dr.

Douglas Powell, Mr. Octavius Sturges, Mr. Brudenell Carter, Mr. Davies-Colley, Mr. Herbert Page, Mr. Pickering Pick, Dr. Alexander Collie, Dr. Septimus Sibley, Dr. Bezly Thorne, Miss Stewart (St. Bartholomew's), Miss Jones (Guy's), Miss Thorold (Middlesex), Miss Mansel (Metropolitan and National Nursing Association), Miss Gull, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Sister Cecilia (University College Hospital), Miss Barton (Royal Free Hospital), Miss Wood (Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital), Miss Sutcliffe (Hospital for Women, Soho Square), Miss East (National Hospital for Paralysis, &c.), Miss Clarke (Western Fever Hospital, Fulham), Miss Mollett (Chelsea), Miss Close (Kensington), Mrs. Deeble (Royal Military Hospital, Netley), Miss Hogg (Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar), Miss Beachcroft (Lincoln County Hospital), Miss Gibson (Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool), Miss Rogers (Leicester Infirmary), Miss Cureton (Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge), Miss Lumsden (Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen), Miss Huxley (Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin). SOLICITOR: F. S. Randolph, Esq., 3, Old Serjeant's Inn, W.C. BANKERS: Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, Tritton, and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick showed from the balance sheet for the past quarter a clear sum at the bank of over £100, and that there was an increase of 423 members in the last fortnight. This report was adopted, and the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Princess Christian.

We have thought it advisable, in order to keep our readers *au courant* with the working of the British Nurses' Association, to chronicle its actions from its commencement. We shall in future issues enter upon an independent detailed criticism of its objects and bye-laws, adding such suggestions which we may consider to be to the advantage of the association from its members' point of view. Meanwhile we heartily commend the general scheme to all members of the medical and nursing professions, and hope that they will continue to give it that same energetic support which it so far has received. Nurses have it now within their reach to do a great deal, with a powerful association of this kind, to help themselves to place their profession upon at least a properly recognised basis.

LEGAL STATUS OF NURSES.

Gerne gewähren, Ungern bitten, Niederes versprechen, Hohes leisten, Sind stolzer Seelen, Beste Sitten, Die nur ein Edler, Sich mag erdreisten.

PERHAPS it is hardly possible to conceive a greater change than that which has taken place in the social position of hospital nurses during the last twenty years. Great as was the impetus given to the proper development of the nursing art during the Crimea, it was not very long ago—in fact, it seems only the other day—since the idea of gentlewomen taking up hospital work was looked upon otherwise than as a tremendous sacrifice, as being an act almost above praise, a great renun-

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