

Nursing Echoes.

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THERE was a large attendance of Members at the General Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which was held last Friday at 20, Hanover Square. Her Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN attended by Miss LOCH, was present; and, at her request, Sir DYCE DUCKWORTH took the chair.

THE report of the Executive Committee, read by Dr. BEZLY THORNE, recommended that Miss GRACE GORDON should be elected to the vacant office of Hon. Secretary; and this was agreed to, by acclamation. Those who have watched the work of the Association closely, have, for some time past, been aware of the great—though not generally known—services which Miss GORDON has been rendering in various ways to the work and cause of the Association, especially as Hon. Secretary of the Special Committee for the Nursing of Cholera patients, which, through the winter, has been preparing such a valuable organisation, in case Cholera invades this country in the spring, as so many fully expect will be the case.

MISS GORDON was, I am told, a lady pupil at Guy's, and earned golden opinions by the manner in which she worked while in that position. She then, for a considerable time, acted as Home Sister at the head-quarters of the National and Metropolitan Nursing Association in Bloomsbury Square. It is understood that since resigning that appointment, home and social duties have prevented Miss GORDON from devoting herself to active professional duties, and that she has, therefore, gladly availed herself of every opportunity of working for the Association in particular, and for the cause of Nursing in general. There can be no doubt that the Royal British Nurses' Association is greatly to be congratulated upon securing the services of a lady as its Hon. Secretary, who is so admirably fitted in every way to fill that office.

THE Executive Committee also recommended the appointment of Mr. MONTAGU MUIR-MACKENZIE as the Standing Counsel of the Association in the place of the late occupant of that post, the Hon.

W. H. CROSS, M.P., whose invaluable services the General Council once more made mention of, in passing a vote of condolence with Mrs. CROSS and her family, on the proposition of Her Royal Highness the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. LANGTON.

MR. MUIR-MACKENZIE, whose eminence as a lawyer is well known, has very special qualifications for advising the Association, seeing that for some years he has held the important posts of Standing Counsel, not only to the Board of Trade, but also to the General Medical Council, which controls the registration of medical men in the United Kingdom. It is probably, also, within the knowledge of many of my readers that Mr. MUIR-MACKENZIE has taken the greatest interest in the work of the Association, and acted as one of its Counsel at the recent hearing by the Committee of the Privy Council which inquired into the Petition for the Royal Charter. It was announced that he had signified his willingness to accept the vacant post, and it need hardly be said that the recommendation of the General Council with regard to the new appointment was unanimously adopted by the General Council. And, as in the case of the Hon. Secretary, there will be no dispute that the Association is greatly to be congratulated upon securing such an eminent adviser in its legal matters as Mr. MUIR-MACKENZIE.

THE rest of the business was merely routine, and was quickly dispatched, and then Her Royal Highness departed, leaving the same evening for Germany in order to attend the marriage of her niece, the youngest daughter of the Empress FREDERICK.

THE QUEEN has sent presents of cast linen to the East London Hospital for Children at Shadwell and to the St. George's and Middlesex Hospitals.

By direction of the Princess of WALES, the sum of £25 8s. 6d. has been forwarded to the secretary of the British Home for Incurables, being a further donation from the proceeds of the sale of Canon FLEMING's sermon "Recognition in Eternity."

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has consented to become president for the current year of the Writers' Club, which is established at 190, Fleet Street.

THE Sub-Committee on Nursing met at 20, Upper Wimpole Street on Monday, the 16th inst., to award the prizes in the Cap Competition in con-

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