

“That the General Council learns with the greatest regret that Miss Daisy Robins has resigned the office of Secretary and Registrar of the Corporation. While holding that post Miss Robins has, by her energetic work for the Association and by her extreme kindness, made herself deeply respected and admired by the large number of Nurse Members who have come into personal communication with her. No former Secretary of the Association has been so helpful to the cause in attracting new members, and the General Council considers that the loss of Miss Robins’ services is a matter of deep regret to the Corporation.”

Miss KENEALY seconded this, and it was carried by acclamation.

Miss ROBINS briefly thanked the Council for its Resolution, and the kind manner in which it had been carried, and expressed the pleasure her work had caused her and her regret at leaving it.

Dr. THORNE, Hon. Secretary, read the opinion of the Standing Counsel of the Association, Mr. Muir Mackenzie, as to the method of procedure to be adopted in taking proceedings before the Council to suspend or remove a member of the Corporation from membership.

This was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The meeting then adjourned.

Nursing Echoes.

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H.R.H. Princess CHRISTIAN has fixed this (Saturday) afternoon for opening the Children’s Salon “At Home,” at Westminster Town Hall, on behalf of the Children’s Cot in the North-West London Hospital, and we do not doubt that her gracious presence will add largely to the receipts for the charity, which is a very estimable one.

THE large number of members of the R.B.N.A., who have publicly and privately expressed their regret that the Association should lose the services of Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK as its Treasurer, will be interested to learn that, at the request of the Committee of the Registered Nurses’ Society, he has accepted the office of Treasurer of that new body.

FROM the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Nottingham and Notts Nursing Association, we are glad to learn that the institution is in a flourishing condition. The Association consists of two branches—one of which supplies trained Nurses to those who are able to pay an adequate remuneration; the other is engaged in providing Nurses

gratuitously for the sick poor, on a request being made to the Lady Superintendent of the institution. The District Nursing is, we are pleased to observe, distinct from the Private Nursing branch. The latter is self-supporting, while the District Nursing is, as it should be, a charity, in every sense of the word. The scale of fees charged for the employment of the Nurses has been re-arranged; and, in most cases, the terms have been raised, so as to bring them into conformity with the fees of neighbouring Nursing Institutions. This alteration was the more necessary when it is remembered that no Nurse is now engaged by this institution unless she has received at least two years’ Hospital training. The committee desire that any increased profit accruing to the institution shall, as far as possible, be devoted to the augmentation of the salaries of the Nurses. During the year, the Nurses received from 5 to 10 per cent. of their individual earnings, according to their length of service, in addition to their fixed salaries, which remain as before. The total amount divided on December 31st, 1893, amounted to £150 1s., leaving a balance in the bank of £58 6s. 11d. Nine district Nurses are now employed.

Truth, last week, contained the following paragraphs, which will interest our readers:—

“At Lady Biddulph’s reception during the recent visit of the Duke of CAMBRIDGE to Gibraltar, although the Nursing Sisters of the Civil Hospital were present, and, together with nearly all the English ladies of the colony, were presented to H.R.H., the Nursing Sisters of the military Station Hospital were conspicuously absent. Seeing that these ladies are in the service of the Queen, their exclusion has all the appearance of a studied slight, and was so regarded on all hands. It is a pity that the Commander-in-Chief did not notice the absence of the Nurses and found some inquiries upon it, for it would probably have led to his verifying all, and more than all, that has been said in *Truth* as to the state of affairs at the Station Hospital.”

“I have now seen the correspondence which passed in relation to the refusal to admit a Unitarian lady as a Nurse at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, and I have had a communication on the subject from the Hospital. I understand the facts to be that the refusal proceeded in the first instance from the Lady Superintendent, with whom the engagement of Nurses rests. The matter did not come before the Committee until this lady had written a letter intimating that a Unitarian could not be admitted as a Nurse, and the would-be Nurse had replied with a strong expression of opinion. The Committee then considered that after what had passed the appointment of the young lady

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