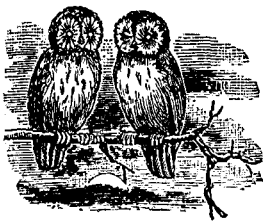


sity, of the Nursing being shared between a day and a night Nurse. She required incessant care and attention for the first ten days, which it would have been physically impossible for any one Nurse to have bestowed. The patient lived for four years after this operation, and died in 1893 of cancer of the lung.

Matrons in Council.



As we go to press, the Annual Meeting convened by the Association of American Superintendents of Nurse Training Schools in the States is taking place at Boston, U.S.A., and we feel sure that their British colleagues are heartily in sympathy with

their deliberations, and will welcome with great interest the Report we hope to publish in the near future of the conclusions at which they arrive.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously at the late meeting of the Matrons' Council, and was forwarded by Mrs. Andrews, Hon. Sec., to Miss Littlewood, Secretary of the American Association.

Extract from Minutes :

It was proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (in the chair), seconded by Miss Amy Robertson, and unanimously resolved :—"That this meeting desires to express the earnest sympathy of British Hospital Matrons with the Association of Superintendents of the United States, and to express the hope that the work in which the Association is engaged may be crowned with complete success, and that it may prove to be of great public utility, and of much benefit to the entire Nursing profession."

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Vice-Chairman.

INFIRMARY MATRONS UNDER THE POOR LAW.

MADAM,—I cannot tell you with what a sense of relief I have followed the discussion concerning the position of Matrons in Poor Law Infirmaries. It is indeed a most hopeful sign that the Matrons are taking the matter up. It is quite useless in these days to hope for redress by proxy. As you remarked concerning the Royal British Nurses' Association last week, we Nurses must work out our own professional salvation, and so long as we accept a false position and degrade ourselves by accepting cash in lieu of liberty of conscience, so long do we prove ourselves unworthy of higher responsibility. Through what depths of humiliation have we Infirmiry Matrons not passed, in this transition of the old *régime* to the new? My predecessor was an able-bodied wardswoman, and no doubt attained the height of her ambition when she coquetted with the steward, attired in a gown of gorgeous black satin, graciously accepted from a contracting firm in lieu of a bale of goods "up to sample," supping meanwhile on tripe and onions, "washed down" with a

"sup of something hot" (and strong) at the guardians expense—summarising her charges meanwhile as "them nasty paupers." The truth is that the Local Government Board clings tenaciously to the time-honoured traditions of "Cornish and Bumble," and until we bombard the President in a deputation of *fin-de-siècle* Infirmiry Matrons armed *cap-à-pie* in cloak and veil, I fear we shall never impress him with our identity or our rights. I have to thank you for the copy of Miss Wilson's pamphlet, and feel we owe her and Miss Louisa Twining much for their pioneer work for effecting reform in Workhouse Infirmiry Nursing. At present permit me in all truthfulness to subscribe myself,

"A TOAD UNDER A HARROW."

Nursing Echoes.

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WE have, this week, received a flattering letter requesting that the NURSING RECORD may be in future sent regularly to the Queen of Sweden, and need scarcely say that we feel honoured by numbering Her Majesty amongst the other members of Royal Families who now display an active interest in the contents of our Journal.

HER Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, in the presence of a large assembly, last week distributed certificates gained in a Nursing class under the auspices of the Surrey County Council Technical Education scheme at Bagshot.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK begs to say that she greatly appreciates the kind letters received from Nurses expressing regret at her inability to deliver the "Practical Demonstration" before the Royal British Nurses' Association on the 15th inst. She was unaware that so much disappointment would be occasioned, and has, therefore, arranged to give two Demonstrations in April, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, upon "The Modern System of Sterilisation of Dressings," as well as the "Practical Demonstration" already announced. Further particulars of the Demonstrations will be announced in a later issue.

GENERAL satisfaction will be felt in the Nursing world, that at the adjourned meeting of the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which

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