

As one of the requisitionists who signed, I certainly expected that the spirit of the Royal Charter would be respected by the officials, and that the wishes of the members *shall* be carried out, and if I am at all able to gauge the feeling of the other sixty-eight requisitionists they also meant that their wishes *shall* be carried out. I am therefore hoping that the members at the Annual Meeting will seek out the underlying reasons why their representatives on the General Council have been treated with such extreme discourtesy.

Your obedient servant,  
HENRIETTA KENEALY,  
Member of the Council R.B.N.A.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—When with pen in hand I began to read my voting paper and looked down the list of medical men to see who were suggested for retirement, I found to my great astonishment that one name was suggested for election but none for retirement.

I then proceeded to the list of Matrons and found to my dismay that the names of most of our founders were suggested for retirement.

Now are the medical men perpetual members of our Nurses' Association? If so it seems to me that our name is a misnomer, and the Association is a Medical Association which admits Nurses to membership within certain limits. Being a Nurses' Association why should the names of our founders, who as *ex-officio* Members I for one understood were not subject to removal, be removed from the Council and not the name of one medical man?

Do we here meet again with "one law for the woman and another for the man"?

I entirely endorse Miss Poole's able letter of last week, and utter my humble protest against the high-handed policy which seeks to deprive us of our leaders in the Nursing world.

I am, Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
EDITH C. MELLOR,  
Matron, District & Cottage Hospital, Wellington, Som.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I think under the present circumstances that it is right to make public the fact that although I am a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association I have not yet received my Journal and voting list from the office—for the General Council—and as my fellow members received theirs five weeks ago, and as the lists have soon to be returned, I make the fact public, because other new members of the Association may suffer from the same mis-management, and as I am anxious to replace the names of the *ex-officio* Matrons on the list, I made a personal application at the office for my voting paper.

If other members have not yet received either the Journal or their voting paper they should apply for them at once to Miss Alice Ravenhill, Secretary, 17, Old Cavendish Street, W.

I am, yours, &c.,  
GEORGINA E. BARLOW, M.R.B.N.A.  
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THE Queen has presented the Victoria Ward of Charing Cross Hospital with two prints of herself—one taken as an infant in long robes, and the other with the Duchess of Kent, at the age of fifteen. These prints are exceedingly good, and the quaintness of the clothing adds much to their picturesque quality.

At a Special Meeting of the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, held on Monday last, to consider tenders for building a new Nursing Home, Dr. MacAlister moved the adoption of the following report:—

The following tenders for the erection of a proposed new building for the better accommodation of the probationers and nurses were opened:—Messrs. Kerridge and Shaw, £3,392; Messrs. Bell and Son, £3,596; Mr. W. Saint, £3,616; Messrs. Coulson and Lofts, £3,676; Messrs. Redding and Son, £3,880.

It was resolved that Messrs. Kerridge and Shaw's tender be recommended for acceptance by the Special General Court.

In asking the Court to accept the tender of Messrs. Kerridge and Shaw for £3,392, the committee think it advisable to recall the attention of the Governors to the large financial gain to the Hospital, which, if the scheme be carried out, will be derived from the Training School for Nurses.

The fees received from probationers will amount to about £1,000 per annum. The cost of maintenance of 36 probationers will be about £750 per annum. There will, therefore, be a gain on the fees of about £250.

To this gain must be added the value of their services. These services are equal to the services of at least 20 trained Nurses. As the cost to the Hospital of a trained Nurse would be not less than £45 per annum, the services of the 20 trained Nurses would cost the Hospital £900. If, therefore, the value of these services of the probationers be added to the gain from their fees, it will be seen that the Hospital will gain not less than £1,000 per annum from the Training School for Nurses.

The committee desire to call the attention of the Court to another important consideration.

The competition amongst Hospital Training Schools which exists at the present time is very great. Addenbrooke's Hospital, one of the first Hospitals to establish these schools, has hitherto held in this competition a high place.

Whilst some Hospitals have to advertise and to pay salaries to probationers, the school at Addenbrooke's, without advertising and without offering a salary, has always been full.

To maintain this advantage, however, the committee feel that it is necessary to move with the times. Other training schools are making great improvements on their early ar-

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