

amendment to sit down. A number of us are standing up who are against the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN: We will first have the general vote, and then, if necessary, take it more closely. Those who are in favour of the amendment. [The meeting voted.] Those who are against the amendment. [The meeting voted.] Carried by a very large majority.

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK: I challenge it.

The CHAIRMAN: We will have the vote taken. Will you appoint two tellers?

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK: I appoint Dr. Lovell Drage and Dr. Hugh Woods.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you be content that they should stand here and count the votes from the platform.

Dr. BIERNACKI: As the mover of that amendment I am perfectly satisfied with the result of the voting.

The CHAIRMAN: I will put the original resolution. Those who are in favour of this resolution will hold up their hands. [The meeting voted.] Those who are opposed to it. [The meeting voted.] The resolution is carried by a very large majority.

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK: As a matter of justice, I call for the numbers or the names to be taken of those who have voted for this resolution, and of those who have voted against it.

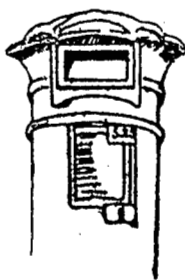
The CHAIRMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, this is a question for the meeting; is the meeting satisfied with the decision, or does it support Dr. Bedford Fenwick in putting us to the great trouble—

A MEMBER: It supports Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

A MEMBER: The point has been finally settled that the meeting does support the chair, and I think that is an end of it.

The CHAIRMAN: The meeting declares itself satisfied.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and the proceedings terminated.



Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &c.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I enclose a copy of the letter in which I have resigned my membership of the Royal British Nurses' Association. I should be glad, if you consider it of interest to your readers, if you would publish it in your valuable Journal; and also if you would allow me to send another letter next week explaining my reasons more fully.

Yours faithfully,

M. MOLLETT.

Matron, Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton.

To the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

SIR,—I regret that I feel compelled to send in my resignation, both as a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a member of the General Council, and to cancel all engagements I may have made with regard to the Association.

I attended the last meeting of the General Council, and can only express my dissatisfaction with that meeting and its results.

To overrule the ordinary rules of debate for any ulterior motive, however worthy that motive may have appeared to some, does not commend itself to my sense of right and wrong, whilst to summon a special meeting for the avowed purpose of censuring individual members of the Association for actions for which they have been proved to have had sufficient justification, seems to me an unwarrantable proceeding.

The action that has also been taken in bringing pressure to bear individually and collectively on the members of the Association—pressure which it is difficult to resist without offending the usual courtesies of society—is another point to which I should like to call attention. I also feel that some apology was due to us to explain the delays that have been made before undertaking the revision of the Bye-laws, so as to bring their technical reading into accord with the meaning they were originally intended to convey—and to guarantee to the Matrons of certain large Training Schools, and to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, permanent seats on the General Council.

In all that I am saying I am particularly anxious to be understood as expressing my opinions alone—I am taking this step without previously consulting others. I know that there are many who consider it their duty to remain in the Association, and combat measures and tendencies to which they are conscientiously opposed. I think otherwise. As the Association is at present conducted it has lost my confidence. I therefore consider it better to have no further connection with it. I beg, therefore, to return my badge (No. 4), and as one of the very earliest members to express my sorrow that I feel compelled to sever my connection with an Association from which, at its inauguration, we hoped so much.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. MOLLETT.

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February 4th, 1896.

[We feel sure that all true friends of the Association will read Miss Mollett's letter of resignation with deep regret. One of the original founders of the Association—Miss Mollett has, from its inception, taken a deep and real interest in its work, and her loss is one more blow to its loyal supporters, and to the principles for which they are fighting. We know Miss Mollett sufficiently well to be sure that she is acting from a sense of duty in refusing to be connected any longer with the Association, but we deplore her decision none the less. We would ask our colleagues, who have written to us on the subject, to pause yet a little longer before severing their connection with the Association, as so many of them have expressed their determination to do.—ED.]

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