

censuring a Nurse who had defended herself successfully in the High Court of Chancery against proceedings with which she had been threatened by the Executive Committee. If Sir J. Russell Reynolds was not then a member of the Corporation, he had no right to be present at that meeting, he had certainly no right to speak, and most certainly had no right to propose the Resolution in question. If this be a fact, it remains to be seen what the consequences of this serious irregularity will be, but we should deeply regret if by the mismanagement of the officials so eminent and so respected a physician has really been placed in such an untenable position, and no better proof could be advanced of the justice of the complaints which have been and are being raised against the manner in which the provisions of the Charter and Bye-laws are ignored and over-ridden.

IN Sir Dyce Duckworth's letter, to a contemporary, he blames the Matrons for having absented themselves for some months from the Executive Committee. Considering the tone of his communication to the press—a tone which has been widely adopted by the medical members in the Executive Committee towards the women present at its meetings—we feel sure that the general public will understand ladies who hold high and honourable positions in the Nursing world, refusing to submit themselves to such personal attacks. It must be remembered that the majority of the Matrons on the Executive Committee presented in March, 1895, a protest against—

"(1) The irregular conduct of the business of the Association.

(2) The unsatisfactory management of the financial affairs of the Association.

(3) The manner in which the opinion of the Nurse members of the Nurses' Association have been over-ridden, or altogether ignored."

This protest was entirely disregarded—and in consequence it was stated to the General Council Meeting in the following April, that "our opposition to the management has subjected us to every indignity which premeditated insult could inspire." No comment is needed upon these facts.

The Nursing Exhibition.

WE have pleasure to announce that the whole available space, consisting of three halls and several smaller rooms, has been secured in St. Martin's Town Hall for the end of May and the first fortnight in June, 1896, in which to hold the Exhibition of Nursing Appliances—the proceeds of which are to be added to the Endowment Fund of the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton, an Institution which we, as Secretary, had the pleasure of starting some five years ago, and which we are pleased to find is looked upon quite as "home" by many Nurses.

We firmly believe in practical teaching for Nurses, and it is therefore proposed to make this Exhibition as useful as possible from a practical point of view. It is to be divided into Sections, in which all the appliances used for the Nursing of diseases and operations on

the various organs of the body will be classified in sub-divisions. Thus: (1) Head; (2) Throat and Chest; (3) Abdomen; (4) Obstetrical and Gynæcological; (5) Diseases of Bones and Joints; (6) General Nursing Appliances; (7) Operation Appliances; (8) Bedding and Invalid Furniture; (9) Hygienic and Invalid Clothing, and Uniforms; (10) Educational, including models, books, charts, and case books; (11) Dietary; (12) Objects of Interest to Nurses.

It will thus be gathered that those who have kindly consented to help with the work are already fully occupied, and will welcome suggestions from Nurses at a distance interested in the subject, and who can add to the value of the Exhibition. Communications should be sent at an early date to the Secretary, the Nursing Exhibition, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, notifying any special appliance which they desire to send, and which are suitable for any of the above Sections.

Appointments.

MISS MAGER, housekeeper of Hampton Court Palace, has resigned her appointment after many years' service, and will be succeeded by Miss Nicholson, Matron of the Princess Frederica's Convalescent Home, East Molesey. Miss Nicholson was trained at the London Hospital, where she acted as the Sister of Victor Ward for some time; she also held the position of Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, when, as usual, a most satisfactory report was presented. Miss Dorothy Snell and Miss S. Vernon were elected members of the Society. The resignation of Miss E. L. Symonds for family reasons was received with regret, and owing to the very excellent reports which she had received from the medical men and patients for whom

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