

Dr. Fenwick said that this confirmed his impression of what had taken place at the Executive Committee, and pointed out that under the Charter the General Council could not legally elect these officers unless they had been nominated by the Executive Committee.

Dr. William Duncan, of the Middlesex Hospital, rose and proposed that Dr. Bedford Fenwick should not be allowed to speak.

No notice was taken of this interruption.

Dr. Fenwick continuing, pointed out that it was contrary both to precedent and to the Charter that the election of Sir James Crichton-Browne and the other Honorary Officers should under such circumstances, be proceeded with, and that, if now carried out, their re-election could not be regarded as legal.

After some discussion, however, Her Royal Highness put the Resolution, that the Vice-Chairmen and Honorary Officers should be re-elected, to the Meeting; and this was carried with only one dissentient.

Dr. Fenwick entered a formal protest against the manner in which the express proviso of the Charter had been violated.

The Executive Committee for 1896-7 was elected, and a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness for her conduct in the Chair, proposed by Sir Dyce Duckworth, was carried *nem. con.*

The proceedings then terminated.

The following official paragraph appeared in the London papers the next day:—

"A meeting of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association was held yesterday at the rooms of the Association, at which Princess Christian presided, and 30 medical men and 39 Matrons and Nurses attended. Sir James Crichton-Browne made a statement as to an action recently brought against him by a member of the Association with reference to a ruling of his whilst presiding as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting, and placed his resignation in the hands of the President. A Resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried by 68 votes to 1 that Sir J. Crichton-Browne's resignation be not accepted, and that he be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Association for the ensuing year. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his services during the past year, and the President, in putting the Resolution, gave expression to the unabated confidence felt in him, and her grateful appreciation of the services he had rendered."

The figures above given were entirely inaccurate, for we have since received letters from several of those who were present, expressing their strong disapproval of the proceedings, and stating that they had not voted either way, as they were prevented from hearing both sides of the case.

Meanwhile, the officials have evidently discovered that Dr. Fenwick's interpretation of the Charter and Bye-laws was correct, and that the above proceedings were null and void, because a Special Meeting of the Council has been summoned to remedy the error. For the moment, we abstain from commenting at length on this significant fact.

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We have the pleasure to announce that the Prize of One Guinea, for October, for the best notes of the Nursing of a case of Ulcerative Endocarditis has been awarded to Miss Edla R. Wortabet, who is engaged in District Nursing at Witley. The Notes sent in by Miss M. Smith, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on the case of acute laryngitis are highly commended.

We would draw the attention of competitors for these prizes to the style of Miss Wortabet's report—it will appear next week. The symptoms and treatment are recorded from *observation* rather than compiled from the daily routine notes taken, the method adopted by so many competitors, thereby making their reports somewhat mechanical and dull. What is wanted to make these notes of use and interest to our readers is that they should be compiled from the general aspect of the case, and the results clearly defined.

MR. COSMO BONSOR, M.P., Treasurer-elect of Guy's Hospital, is reported to have remarked at the biennial festival dinner: "As regarded the staff, and Nursing staff, and the School, there was no need for any reform."

We consider this a distinctly dangerous attitude of mind for any high official to bring to bear upon his responsible duties. The organisation of the Nursing School at Guy's Hospital is still in its infancy, and much yet remains to be done to bring it up to date.

For instance, Rule 8 of Regulations for Lady Pupils reads:—"A Lady Pupil who has completed one year's consecutive training, will receive a certificate to that effect, signed by the Treasurer, Superintendent, and Matron." A regular Probationer has to work hard for three years and pass examinations, in order to obtain a certificate, and we are of opinion that here, at least, reform is necessary to make things just, especially as the Lady Pupils often obtain promotion to Sisterships over the heads of their more experienced colleagues.

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