

harm to Registered Nurses. It would give people who had not been trained as Nurses the title of Trained Nurses, under the authority of the Corporation; it would, therefore, render the Register worse than useless, because it would be misleading and dangerous to the public, and it would place Nurses who had paid and worked for registration on a level with persons who had no right to that benefit and prestige. He was so well aware of the public feeling which had been roused upon this matter, that he had no hesitation in saying the scheme would not be carried through; but he earnestly advised the Council at once to withdraw it and to save, therefore, further injury being caused to the Association.

Mrs. Hughes said she had come from Manchester, at great inconvenience, because she knew the gravity of this matter. As a Provincial member she expressed the strong feeling of indignation which was felt in the Provinces against this scheme.

Miss Wingfield spoke against the proposal from the point of view of Hospital Matrons.

Miss Cartwright protested against the scheme as most injurious to Trained Nurses.

Sir James Crichton Browne said that the whole opposition arose from a misunderstanding of the question, and strongly supported the scheme which he had originally advocated.

The motion for the adoption of the Report of the Executive Committee was then put to the meeting and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

We have received letters of complaint from well-known Matrons, who desired to express their views on the Mental Nurse question at the meeting of the General Council on the 8th inst, that registered letters sent by them addressed to the members of the General Council were not read to that body. They state that they have received a reply signed by Eugenie G. E. Guiseppi, Acting Secretary, as follows:—"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, addressed to the members of the General Council, and to state that it was brought before that body at its meeting yesterday, but its reading and consideration were referred to the Special Committee which has been appointed to consider the whole question of the admission of Mental Nurses to this Association."

We observe that the names of this Sub-Committee are not given by Miss Guiseppi; it will therefore interest those ladies whose letters have been withheld from the Members of the General Council to whom they were addressed, to notice that it was stated to the General Council that the Sub-Committee in question is composed of persons who have already publicly pledged themselves to approval of this widely-condemned scheme—that is to say, the admission of Asylum Attendants as Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and their enrolment on the Trained Nurses' Register. A Sub-Committee so constituted cannot command the confidence of those Members of the Association who are conscientiously and firmly opposed to Dr. Outterson Wood's scheme, and it is deeply to be deplored that those Members whose views are known to differ from the officials, have been denied any representation on this Sub Committee.

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WE have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the receipt of £1, a subscription from Mrs. Ponsonby Wilmer towards the funds of Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton.

AN old-fashioned and very interesting function takes place annually at the New Year at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, when the Treasurer

meets the Matron and all the Sisters in the Board Room of the Hospital, and reviews the work of the Nursing Department for the past year. The Sisters also have then the opportunity of expressing their views concerning the details of ward management—such domestic and necessary subjects as the quantity of "washing" and amount of "stores," &c., usually being a question of some difference of opinion. This year Sir Trevor Lawrence made a most satisfactory statement, in which he congratulated himself and all concerned in the management of the Institution, that not one complaint had been made to the authorities concerning the manner in which the nursing staff had performed their duties. This is first-class evidence that Nurses *à la mode* do not find a happy hunting ground at historic Barts.

A NEW Year's "At Home" for members of The London Association of Nurses was held at 3, Burwood Place, on January 7th. There was a large gathering of Nurses, who greatly enjoyed meeting the Superintendent and many old friends, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Tea and conversation were interspersed with music, songs, and recitations, and the time for parting came all too soon.

QUOTING from the valuable paper on "Nursing in Workhouses," by Mr. C. S. Roundell, attention is drawn to the legal position of Nurses under the Poor Law:—

"In the Consolidated Order of July 24th, 1847, in the list of officers the Nurse comes next after the porter; and in Article 188 it is provided that every porter, Nurse, Assistant, or servant may be dismissed

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