

new Bye-Laws, a matter of the utmost importance to the Association. We inclose a form which it is proposed to make such use of as may be thought advisable, and to ask (*sic!*) if you will also sign and return to the above address. Similar steps are being taken by Medical Men and Nurses, and many prominent signatures have been obtained.

We remain, Madam,  
Yours faithfully,

G. M. THOROLD,  
Lady Superintendent, Middlesex Hospital.  
FLORENCE S. CRAVEN,  
Late Nurse Hon. Secretary.  
HARRIET COSTER,  
Late Superintendent of Nurses,  
St. George's Hospital.  
F. AMBLER JONES,  
Matron, South-Eastern Hospital.  
JOSEPHINE DE PLEDGE,  
Matron, Chelsea Infirmary.  
RACHEL TWEED,  
Matron, National Hospital for Epilepsy.  
H. WEDGWOOD,  
Matron, Royal Free Hospital.

The remarkable testimonial which is thus besought by two of the incriminated officials and five other members of the incriminated Executive Committee!! is as follows:—

“We, the undersigned, Matron members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, desire to express our entire confidence in the Executive Committee and Officials of the Association, whose disinterested labours have been the means of carrying on the work of the Association during a time of exceptional difficulty.”

Verily, a beneficent Providence has endowed these seven ingenuous ladies with a remarkably “good conceit of themselves”!

When this testimonial comes to be published, we shall take the liberty of showing how absolutely valueless it is. Until then, we content ourselves with predicting that the names of leading Hospital Matrons will be conspicuous by their absence from this self-sought testimonial, and that, in fact, it will prove to be scarcely worth the paper on which it is written. It shows, at any rate, the desperate straits to which the officials have reduced themselves and the Association, that they thus feel themselves compelled to beg for such support and assistance, from the very ladies to whom they propose that the promises of the Association should be broken.

Two more petitions are also going the round, asking for a vote of confidence in the officials. One of these we are informed, emanates from Miss Helen Foggo-Thompson,

the Secretary of Sir Henry Burdett's Nurses' Club, and the other from Miss Louisa East, a dame of one of the school-houses at Eton, and an untrained nurse. Matrons and trained nurses will estimate at their true value petitions launched under such significant auspices!

#### PRINCESS LOUISE AND QUEEN'S NURSES.

HER Royal Highness Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne paid a visit last week to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, at 29, Castle Street, Edinburgh. The Princess is President of the Scottish Branch, and takes the utmost interest in its welfare. The special object of the meeting was the presentation of the gold medal of the Institute to Miss Wade, who has for the past five years acted as superintendent of the Institute in Scotland. All the Queen's Jubilee nurses have badges, most of which were received from the hands of Her Majesty. Some time ago no fewer than seventy nurses from Scotland received this mark of distinction when the Queen was in residence at Windsor. There were only two, however, who had received a gold badge, these being the lady superintendents of the Institute in London and Dublin. This was accordingly thought a fitting opportunity for the presentation of this special mark of favour to the head of the Institute in Scotland. The ceremony took place in the lecture hall of the Institute at Castle Terrace, in the presence of a large and influential company, amongst whom were Miss Spencer, lady superintendent of the Royal Infirmary; Miss Piggott, matron of the Sick Children's Hospital; Miss Beveridge, matron of the Longmore Incurable Hospital; Miss Bennett, matron of the Leith Hospital; Miss Sandford, Royal Infirmary; Miss Mackay, superintendent of the Jubilee Nurses' Institute, in Dundee; Miss Haddon and Miss Cowper, assistants at the Institute in Edinburgh; and Miss Butlar, convener of the House Committee. About a score of nurses belonging to the Institute were also present, all neatly attired in their light blue wrappers, and wearing their Jubilee badges.

Princess Louise was accorded a most enthusiastic welcome, and, in reply to a hearty vote of thanks, the Marquis of Lorne warmly expressed the pleasure experienced by the Princess at being present, and made the important statement that Her Royal Highness was particularly anxious that the standard of education and efficiency for the nurses

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