

to call the subscribers to the Queen's Commemoration Fund together, with a view to associating them permanently with the maintenance of the charity. In conclusion, the committee expressed their thanks to the Duke of Westminster, for his active work as president of the fund, to Mr. S. B. Boulton, for the use of an office in the City, and to Messrs. Edwin Guthrie & Co., the Hon. Auditors. We hope that amongst the alterations which are contemplated in the Charter, a clause will be inserted requiring the same standard of training of the nurses of the Queen's Jubilee Institute, as is now insisted upon in the Army and Navy, and Indian Army Nursing Services, and by the Local Government Board for superintendent nurses in Poor Law Infirmaries, namely, a three years' qualification. During the last ten years this standard has been so widely adopted as to be practically the accepted one, and nurses who have the honour of being Queen's nurses, should surely be drawn from the ranks of those who exceed, rather than fall short of this standard.

After the meeting of the Executive Committee had taken place, a General Meeting of the subscribers was held. Amongst those present were General Sir E. Bulwer, Lieutenant-General Sir Seymour Blane, Lady O'Hagan, Sir Arthur Arnold, Sir Squire Bancroft, Mr. Sydney Holland, the Master of St. Katherine's Hospital, Mr. J. S. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Alstone, and the hon. secretaries, Mr. Harold Boulter, and Mr. Ernest Flower, M.P. The adoption of the balance-sheet and report was moved by Sir Arthur Arnold and seconded by Sir Squire Bancroft. Special attention was called by Lord Reay to the fact that the sum of £1100 had been subscribed in small sums by members of the Girls' Friendly Society and presented personally to Her Majesty for the purposes of the fund.

### Marriage Bells.

Two of the most charming visitors to the Nursing Exhibition, organized in London in 1896, were Miss Zara Stephenson, the Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, and Miss Marie Herzog, Matron of the Bathurst Hospital, New South Wales. We are not surprised to learn, therefore, that Miss Stephenson's resignation is occasioned by her prospective marriage with the Rev. Stanley E. Collier, vicar of St. Edward's, Birmingham, nor to receive an account of Miss Herzog's marriage to Mr. James Simmons, a prominent member of the Hospital Committee, and a citizen of Bathurst.

Miss Marie Herzog is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and her resignation was received by the Committee of the Bathurst Hospital, of which she had been the matron for ten years, with sincere and general regret, and the Chairman moved "That we accept Miss Herzog's resignation with deep regret, and place on record

our high appreciation of the invaluable services she has rendered during the ten and a half years of devoted services as matron of the hospital." He was sure that he only expressed the opinion of the committee when he said that general regret would be felt at Miss Herzog's resignation, for a more faithful and efficient servant to the institution would never be got again. In every respect she had efficiently discharged her duties during the ten and a half years she had held the position, having not only trained nurses, but managed the hospital with great economy, and brought every department to a state of unusual efficiency. She had given satisfaction to the various committees and the subscribers generally, and all he hoped was that they would be fortunate enough to secure an equally competent matron to fill her place.

Mr. BOYD, who seconded the motion, said that it was a matter for very deep regret that Miss Herzog was about to sever her connection with the hospital. She had done great work for the institution, and she would be missed by all who interested themselves in its welfare. He did think of moving that in future none but married men should be members of the Committee, but he would leave that till later on. (Laughter.)

Mr. MATTHEWS said that the motion should not be passed over in silence. Nothing which they could say could add to the appreciation in which Miss Herzog's services were held, but still it was well that they should place their opinion on record. He concurred in the remarks of the mover and seconder, and hoped with Mr. Paul that they would be able to get an equally efficient officer to take Miss Herzog's place.

Rev. J. KINGHORN said he was the youngest member of the Committee, but he had been visiting the hospital for two and a half years, and he would like to say how highly he appreciated the services of the matron. She was always zealous in the discharge of her duties, and never neglected to let him or the other ministers know when they were required at the hospital. She had frequently done kind things that the rules did not require her to do, and had in many ways showed that she had always at heart the welfare of her patients.

This is the kind of record of good work which reflects credit on the nursing profession all the world over. The wedding presents were numerous and beautiful, the President presenting Miss Herzog, from the Committee, with a costly silver cream jug, sugar basin and spoons; the Medical staff gave a very handsome service, and the Nursing staff a silver salad bowl and service. The townspeople, by whom Miss Herzog was sincerely beloved, gave her many beautiful gifts.

The honeymoon was spent in Tasmania, and Mrs. Simmons has now returned to her beautiful home in Russell Street, Bathurst, where we hope many years of happiness await her and her fortunate husband.

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