

THE list accepted by the Special Council Meeting is not identical with that now issued by the Hon. Officers—but that is a mere bagatelle. For instance, the Council selected Miss Emily Rogers, Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Home, Cambridge (we own we were surprised to find her name in this *galere*); Miss Agnes E. Spring, Miss Fanny Ponter, Chelsea Infirmary; Miss Jane Wilson of the London Temperance Hospital.

In the list issued by the Hon. Officers, we find that these ladies names are omitted, (probably by their own wish), Miss E. Davies (late Chelsea Infirmary), Mrs. Eugénie Warren (late Chelsea Infirmary), Miss Lilian Ainsworth, Chelsea Infirmary, and Miss May L. Daunt (late Middlesex Hospital), are suggested to fill the vacancies. So that the same system of giving these two institutions a predominant power in the Council of the Association still continues in force. Not that it is in the least necessary, now that the name of every intelligent person of independent views has been removed from the Executive Committee and General Council. The services of the staffs of these institutions will no longer be required to outvote and howl down their colleagues, because all self-respecting and honourable nurses will refuse to accept office under the present Hon. Officers and their unscrupulous supporters.

WE are informed that it is the intention of many of the Matrons and Nurses who signed the Protests to the Privy Council, to resign their membership of the Royal British Nurses' Association, as they will decline to be made responsible for the dishonourable breach of faith with the Founders of the Association, or to submit to the dictation of the Medical and Nursing Staffs of the Middlesex Hospital.

AFTER much patient consideration, these ladies have come to the conclusion that the new Bye-Laws must inevitably (as they are intended to do) undermine nursing discipline in the nurse training schools—by giving medical men absolute power over the nursing profession, to the exclusion of the lay Committees and the Superintendents of Nursing.

THESE ladies also consider that under the new Bye-Laws, there is no hope of liberty of conscience and liberty of speech for nurse members, and they will therefore decline to submit to the indignity of belonging to an Association conducted on such lines.

THE silver lining to this dark cloud of tyranny is to be found in the conscientious determination of the protesting members to continue to work for the principles for which the British Nurses' Association was originally founded, and which they consider

have been betrayed by the Hon. Officers and their Supporters.

“By order of H.R.H. the President, the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation, will be held at the East Conference Hall of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, on Tuesday, July 12th, 1898, at 4 p.m.”

AGENDA.

- 1.—To receive the Financial and Annual Reports.
- 2.—To elect the General Council for the ensuing year.
- 3.—To elect Vice-Presidents.
- 4.—To transact any other business which may be necessary.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members are invited to a Reunion in the Earl's Court Exhibition. Tea, coffee, ices, and light refreshments will be served in the Tea Pavilion in Picturesque England, from 6.30 to 8 p.m.

Presumably there is to be no luncheon this year, nor are Mr. Langton's patients to have again the honour of meeting the Royal President of the Nurses' Association at Harley Street.

Appointments.

QUEEN'S NURSES.

THE following ladies have been appointed Superintendents in connection with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses: Henrietta E. Ellis, Cumberland Nursing Association; Mary White, Northumberland C.N.A.; Fanny Scott, Leeds; Frances Bridgman, Birkenhead; Bertha W. Hall, Huddersfield; Florence A. Grove, Rochdale; Lydia G. Milne, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MATRONS.

MISS L. H. HARRIS has been selected out of 67 candidates as Matron to the Westminster Cottage Hospital, Shaftesbury. Miss Harris was trained for three years at St. Marylebone Infirmary, and holds a certificate for Midwifery, having been trained at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. She has also had several years experience of Private Nursing in London. Miss Harris succeeds Miss Hand, who has held the position of Matron to the Westminster Cottage Hospital for fourteen years, and whose resignation has been received with much regret. Miss Hand is to be the recipient of a testimonial.

MISS ALICE L. DALLIMORE has been appointed Matron of the Wantage Cottage Hospital. Miss Dallimore was trained at the West Ham Hospital, Stratford, and subsequently acted as Staff Nurse and Sister in the same hospital.

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