

in Nurse Day among them, no further difficulties would arise, and she hoped that Blairgowrie would be able to feel that this matter was irrevocable.

Mr. A. Proctor moved—"That this Committee receive the report of the Sub-Committee, and in doing so absolve the Executive from any charge of unfairness that has been brought against them; that the General Committee receive the report of the Sub-Committee, acquiesce in its findings, and express their confidence in the Executive Committee."

Rev. Mr. Kemp seconded. Both gentlemen spoke in support of the Executive's action in the matter.

The Chairman referred to the good work which had been done by the various nurses in town, more particularly Nurse Rutherford and Nurse Fleming.

Mr. John McIntosh wished to know what the Sub-Committee had done. He had not heard of anything satisfactory. He was about to make some remarks of a personal nature when he was stopped by the Chairman, who declared the meeting dissolved.

WE feel sure that all our readers will agree with us that Miss Wade, whose reputation for justice, conscientiousness, and good sense, is so well established, has fully justified the course pursued by her in the case in point, and that she acted, as she always does, in the best interests of the Institute to which she is responsible, and with due regard to safeguarding the public. We are glad to observe that, as might have been expected, Miss Wade has the full support of her Committee, and their entire approval in the course she has adopted.

R. B. M. A. Finance.

At the recent General Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, it was announced that by the Royal President's wish all the debts of the Association were to be discharged out of the proceeds of the Cafe Chantant (how often has the Hon. Treasurer announced to us that there were no debts?), and £100 of the money placed to the credit of the Association in the bank for current expenses, the balance of the £1,552 was to be invested, the proceeds, amounting to some £42 a year, were to be devoted to charitable purposes. It would be interesting to learn just what the debts of the Royal British Nurses' Association are, as £42 per annum is only the interest on £1,050 at 4 per cent. No doubt this interesting item of information will be forthcoming in the August issue of the *Nurses' Journal*.

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WE have devoted a considerable amount of space this week to publishing the paper on the "Professional Training and Status of Nurses," read by Mrs. Neill at the Nursing Section of the International Congress of Women, together with the paper by Miss Watkins, on "State Registration in Cape Colony," and the subsequent Discussion, opened by Miss L. L. Dock, as we think that our readers will like to have the whole of this in one issue of the journal.

ONE of the many interesting points brought up at the recent Nursing Conference was the question as to what should qualify a woman for entrance into the nursing profession. One speaker objected to any rule which should eliminate a desirable candidate in any rank of life, as she considered that the working-class woman often made an excellent nurse.

THAT most nurses can call to mind brilliant examples of this theory is certain. But, in investigating the matter further it will, generally, if not invariably, be found, that the women of this class who have been really successful and desirable as nurses, are those who have been at considerable pains to remedy what is lacking in their general education, as well as to acquire the special knowledge requisite in the exercise of their profession.

AND this brings us to the point upon which we believe there is general agreement amongst those Hospital Matrons who have considered the question—namely, that the test imposed upon would-be candidates must be an educational one, not a social one. Those amongst the less educated who are most in earnest in their desire to become nurses, will educate themselves up to the required standard, and many whose tendency, as a whole, is to drag down the profession, will be eliminated from its ranks.

THAT some desirable women who cannot pass the educational test may be debarred from qualifying as nurses, we are not prepared to deny.

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