

**Nursing Echoes.**

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WE beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, a subscription of £2 2s. from Mrs. Harris, for Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton. This Home becomes more popular every year with nurses, and we are glad to find that many of those who visit it once repeat their visit from year to year.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the General Council of the R.B.N.A. took place on the 27th April. Very few members were present, and the Chair was taken by Dr. Clement Godson, although the Nurse Vice-Chairman was present! This is, however, *tout ce qu'il y a de plus R.B.N.A.!*

THE monotony of the business being all conducted and dominated by medical men, was for once relieved by a member of the Chartered Nurses' Society bringing forward some definite proposals for founding a Settlement for Aged Nurses—which, we fear, would not be greatly appreciated by these poor ladies, as it was proposed that their accommodation should consist of one room, which they should themselves keep clean. We are glad to see that Miss Wedgewood pleaded for two rooms for each individual.

THE Balance Sheet, as usual, showed that the official expenses exceeded the subscriptions of members by several hundred pounds, the annual expenses of the Association having been met out of the proceeds of the notorious Café Chantant. There was a deficit of £23 12s. 2d. on *The Nurses' Journal* account, and also on the *Conversazione*—which, last year, was attended by half the number of nurse members who were present in 1894, before the new diplomacy of medical domination was inaugurated by Dr. Bezly Thorne.

IN this connection we gather from the Balance Sheet that only 1,244 persons have subscribed as members during the past year, 659 at 2s. 6d., 515 at 5s., and 15 life members at £1 1s.,

and 55 at £2 2s., so that more than *one thousand* members have ceased to pay their fees in the last few years! Nothing can demonstrate the injury done to the Nurses' Association by the present medical managers more convincingly than this wholesale resignation from membership. We are sincerely gratified to find that so many nurses feel so strongly on the question, as the betrayal of their interests by Mr. Fardon in voting against the principle of State Registration, and the attempt to thrust untrained persons on to the Roll of Trained Nurses, is bitterly resented by all those nurse members who, in the past, associated themselves together to work for legal status, for the protection of their patients, and in their own interests. The Royal British Nurses' Association can never hope to secure the confidence of nurses *independent of direct professional patronage*, so long as the men who betrayed their trust are in power.

THE new Regulations for Colonial Branches were adopted, the principal features of which are the centralization of all power in the London Office, and, in consequence, the control of colonial nurses by the few non-representative medical men and Matrons, who have failed to secure the confidence of the large body of efficiently trained nurses at home. We do not imagine, however, that colonial nurses will be likely to support the policy of professional depreciation, consistently maintained by the present Hon. Officers, and which they are evidently bent upon continuing, to judge by the names of those members *nominated by them* for seats on the new Council of 1900.

WE find that, with one exception, all the medical vacancies are to be again filled by members of the anti-registration gang, who thrust the new Bye-laws upon the Association, who have suppressed the "Register," and have voted to place untrained male and female asylum attendants on the List of Members. There are nine vacancies; to fill these Drs. Calvert, Folerton, Fairbank (Windsor), Percy White, and Wethered, are amongst the persons nominated. Young Dr. Leslie Thorne-Thorne (who, by the bye, we hear has more liberal views on nursing questions than his uncle, but whose experience of nursing affairs is necessarily limited) is also on the list, and another young man, who joined the Association at the last Executive Committee, of the name of Hastings Stewart. Trained nurses will want to know what qualifications this young man possesses for posing on a Council of Nurses—his profes-

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