

access to the documents—I have already given instructions to our Register keeper in the matter—they shall have access to all the documents in the possession of the Council bearing upon this point; and they shall have access to the experience we have had in the matter of a Register, and I think they will find this of the greatest assistance. Although I cannot conscientiously undertake to be at the Registry Office for Nurses, I am happy to say we shall be, no doubt, of the greatest possible assistance to the Secretaries in organising a proper method of Registration. Coming to the special object concerning which I am called upon to speak, I have the pleasure of seconding the resolution that has been proposed. You have had extended to you by the previous speakers most valuable information respecting the objects, purposes, and aims of this movement. I shall not dilate upon these, but I am, nevertheless, called upon to second the first resolution. I cannot doubt what the reception of this resolution will be. The resolution is, that we return our thanks, in the form of words, to Her Royal Highness for the great assistance she has rendered us, not only to-day, but for a long time past, and for her great invaluable aid in promoting the good of this movement with all her heart and soul. In former days the word Princess excited great wonder in a child, admiration—a sort of romantic feeling—in the heart of youth. But as we pass on in years, and can read our literature, proceeding from the children's book to the latest of the great poems by the Poet Laureate, we find the word Princess written upon our hearts—written upon our minds in letters of silver and gold. The Princess who heads this great movement has chosen the path of doing good to her sisters throughout the Kingdom. When, in future days, the history of this great movement is written, there will be found, in most brilliant letters, the name of the Princess Christian as the great promoter, if not the actual founder, of this movement. I beg most heartily to second this resolution.

Dr. PAVY said: I have much pleasure in rising to support the resolution that has been so ably proposed and seconded by Sir Henry Acland and Professor Marshall. We must all feel deeply that we are under a debt of gratitude to Her Royal Highness for the active part she has taken with reference to this Association. We must all feel that the Association is very fortunate in having her to preside over a Union of women workers. Reference has been made to the opposition that has been levelled against this Association. Even to-day it has been contended in the public Press that this Association is not in conformity with a great public want and a widespread professional demand. If it is not so, the

Princess's labours would be in vain. I challenge this assertion upon the strongest grounds. Do we not want good and efficient Nurses? If we want good and efficient Nurses we must provide some means of obtaining them. It is true in the large Hospitals knowledge is obtained of the Nurses, and there is no difficulty in weeding out the efficient from the inefficient. But not so when we come to private families. A private family has not the opportunity of knowing whether the Nurse has been efficiently trained or not. By means of this Association security will be given that Nurses are efficiently educated and trained. In private families, by means of the Register, a good Nurse would be known from a bad one, and if this be so, is not this Association required—is its work a work of supererogation? We all know the aptitude the Royal Family possess for doing and saying the right thing. The President of our Association, the Princess Christian, possesses this attribute in the highest degree. Nurses require discipline, and our Princess has undergone discipline in her work, and she merits the words expressed in the resolution, which is to tender grateful thanks for her constant and great assistance to the British Nurses' Association. I have the greatest possible pleasure in supporting the resolution.

The resolution was then put by the Lord Mayor, being carried with prolonged applause.

Mr. PAGE said: In the absence of Dr. Ord, I have been asked to propose the following resolution:—"That the thanks of this meeting be accorded to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and to the Lady Mayoress, for permitting this meeting to be held in the Mansion House, and to the Lord Mayor for taking the chair upon this occasion." We all know of what inestimable value is a meeting at the Mansion House. When a movement is founded here under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, or when it comes here subsequently to meet with his encouragement, it is pretty sure to go on its way rejoicing. The difficulties which this Association has had hitherto to contend with have been, I know, considerable, but I feel quite sure that they will be very much lightened and very, very much more easily got over after this day's meeting. No step that could have been taken would be more likely to conduce to the success of this Association than to-day's meeting. I, therefore, without making any further remarks, although I might dilate for a long time upon the services the Lord Mayor has rendered to the country—I, therefore, without any further preface, beg to move the resolution that I have read to the meeting.

Dr. WAKLEY said: I must not trespass upon you, except to say that the Lord Mayor deserves

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