

## A Protest to the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

The following Protest has been forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association:—

We, the undersigned, protest against the unbusiness-like and unjust conduct of the Honorary Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association, at the General Meeting which was held on February 7th, 1906, at 11, Chandos Street, and for the following reasons:—

- 1st.—Their refusal to give the name, when demanded, of a person, a non-member, who proposed an amendment at a previous meeting, laid the Association open to the suspicion of being unable to identify that person.
- 2nd.—The non-summoning of at least two members to a General Meeting was in itself unbusiness-like, giving occasion to mistrust the business methods of the Office of the Royal British Nurses' Association.
- 3rd.—The refusal to read a letter of protest which was asked for by a member, at the request of the lady who wrote the letter.
- 4th.—The summary refusal to allow more than one important resolution to be even seconded and discussed, and the evident determination to force through a resolution, previously arranged by a member of the Executive Committee and moved and seconded by members of that Committee.
- 5th.—That the counting of votes on February 7th, at the General Meeting, was done in a most casual and incorrect manner. Many persons standing because no sitting accommodation was afforded were counted amongst those who approved of the drafted Bill as presented by the Royal British Nurses Association, when it was well known that they disapproved of the same.

We also wish the Executive Committee to fully understand that the Bill for State Registration for Nurses, as drafted and presented by them to Parliament, was not unanimously supported by those present at the meeting, nor does it express the feeling of many of the most experienced and influential members of the Association, who from force of circumstances were not able to record their votes. The approval and sanction of such members cannot be given to the Bill while the nursing representation is so unfairly and inadequately distributed.

We request that this Protest of ours be read at the next meeting of the General Council, and be also placed on the minutes of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Signed by

KATHERINE SCOTT, Matron Sussex County Hospital, Brighton; Lady Consul.

SOPHIA J. MUNRO, Matron County Hospital, Bedford; Lady Consul.

CHRISTINA FORREST (late Matron County Hospital, York), Matron Nursing Institute, Bournemouth; Lady Consul.

LOVEDAY GAVED-WILLS, Matron the Hospital, Newark-on-Trent; Lady Consul.

ETHEL LAURENCE, Matron Nursing Institute, Salisbury; Lady Consul.

SUSANNA M. HUGHES, Manchester; Lady Consul.

CLARISSA HUNTER, Matron General Hospital, Walthamstow; Lady Consul.

SIDNEY BROWNE, Matron-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

ELEANOR C. BARTON, Matron Chelsea Infirmary.

ELSIE SATCHWELL, Matron Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

ELMA SMITH, Matron Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon.

M. N. CURETON, late Matron Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

MAY DEANE, Matron East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

LOUISA HENNET, Matron Union Infirmary, Hartlepool.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON, late Matron the Hospital, Stockport.

GEORGINA SCOTT, late Matron Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

M. P. THOMSON, Matron the Infirmary, Sunderland.

EDLA R. WORTABET, late Matron the Hospital, Beyrout.

GEORGINA B. MACVITIE, late Matron Ramsey Hospital, Naini Tal, India.

J. P. JAMIESON, late Sister Children's Hospital, Glasgow.

N. E. BROOM, Sister Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

M. H. E. CLARKE, late Sister St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

## Our Collaborators.

It is important that experienced nurses, representing the various branches of nursing, should co-operate with their professional journal if it is to be representative of the many interests involved. We have much pleasure, therefore, in stating that Miss Helen Todd, Matron of the Royal National Sanatorium, Bournemouth; Miss S. E. Cartwright, Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society; Miss M. E. MacDonnell, Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Association; and Miss J. W. Thorpe, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of the United Provinces and Punjab, have consented to act as collaborators of the Journal. Miss Todd's practical knowledge of all that concerns the nursing of tuberculosis is well known to our readers through the valuable papers she has from time to time contributed to our columns. Sister Cartwright has had wide experience in connection with Home Hospitals and private nursing. Miss M. E. Macdonnell will keep us in touch with our Irish colleagues, who are heartily in sympathy with the policy of the Journal.

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