

Dr. Fenwick stated that he had lately received the rules and other papers of the American Nurses' Association, which was, he was glad to think, largely an outcome of the successful foundation of this association. He proposed that the following resolution should be carried by the Council and forwarded to the secretary of the sister association in America:—"The General Council of the British Nurses' Association desires to take this, its earliest opportunity, of expressing the pleasure with which it has heard of the formation of the American Nurses' Association. It desires, in the name of the nearly three thousand British Nurses whom it represents, to convey its sincere congratulations to those who have been instrumental in founding the new association, and heartily offers whatever assistance it can render to them in carrying out their excellent objects."

This was seconded by Miss Catherine J. Wood, and carried with acclamation.

Dr. Fenwick then read the financial statement, being the audited accounts of the Association for the past year, and proposed that it be adopted and reported to the annual meeting of Members.

Dr. Gage Brown, in seconding this, said that he felt sure that the present flourishing condition of the Association must be felt to be most satisfactory, and that it reflected the greatest credit upon those who had so ably conducted the business of the association.

Dr. Gage Brown then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was accorded by acclamation, and was briefly acknowledged by Sir James Crichton Browne. The meeting then terminated, it being stated that the present General Council now ceased to exist, after having conducted the business of the Association from its commencement in 1887.

FAVOURITISM.—One of the most unfortunate things that can happen in the life of a child is to be exposed to the injustice which arises from favouritism, and yet it is perhaps one of the most common. The Nurses, the teachers in school, even parents themselves, are constantly likely to be led away by the natural fondness which some children are so much more apt to excite than others, or by the less excusable motives of prejudice or of interest. Perfect fairness in the treatment of a collection of children is perhaps not to be expected, impartiality being a god-like attribute not often attained to by mere humanity; but in its plainer manifestations favouritism is an evil which should be most vigorously fought against.

## NURSING ECHOES.

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THE Second Annual Meeting of the British Nurses' Association, held at Birmingham on Friday last, proved to be a great success. There were comparatively few members from London, but Matrons, Sisters and Nurses came in from the Hospitals and towns for some distance round. The dinner held at the Midland Institute was attended by sixty or seventy Members, and then the meeting was held at the Midland Eye Hospital, when there were nearly a hundred present. The out-patient room had been placed at the disposal of the Association by the courtesy of the Committee, and had been most beautifully decorated with palms and flowers by the kindness of the Matron, Miss Vaux, to whom no small part of the credit of the successful meeting must undoubtedly in justice be accorded. I hear also that this year the whole arrangements for the meeting were undertaken by Miss Wood, with the assistance of a local committee in Birmingham, including Miss Busby, Miss Spence, Miss Humfrey, Miss Vaux, and others, to all of whom the thanks of the meeting were cordially rendered.



DR. WADE, the President of the British Medical Association, who was to have taken the chair, was unavoidably prevented doing so, and his place was therefore taken by Dr. Malins, the Obstetric Physician to the General Hospital. The verbatim report of the meeting will, I believe, appear in these columns next week. I need only say that the report of the General Council was adopted by acclamation, and that a general feeling of satisfaction was expressed at the strong position to which the Association has attained. Then the alteration in the Bye-laws was unanimously passed, those present evidently seeing the full force of the arguments brought forward in its favour by both the hon. secretaries.

THE question of the Journal, however, raised the most interest. As Dr. Bedford Fenwick remarked, there can be no doubt that many Members have grown lukewarm about the Association because they have heard so little about its progress and its doings. This journal has loyally done what it can to assist the Association; but

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