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WORKHOUSE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The need for renewed activity on the part of the Workhouse Nursing Association has arisen, and an important meeting was held on the 7th inst. at the house of Lady Wantage, 2, Carlton Gardens, under the presidency of H.R.H. Princess Christian, when it was recognized that the present crisis in Poor Law nursing questions demands vigilance and earnest work by those who have the nursing of the sick poor at heart. The new Poor Law Orders now under the consideration of the Local Government Board include recommendations on nursing administration which require alteration if they are to have the effect of the improvement so necessary in carrying out a proper system of caring for the sick poor in the rural Poor Law institutions; and the pioneer work of the Workhouse Nursing Association has given it the experience to speak now with no uncertain voice. Mr. John Burns has consented to receive a Deputation from the Association.

During some years the work of the Association has been in abeyance, waiting action by the authorities; and now this action has come it has been found necessary to strengthen the working forces of the Association. The original Executive Committee has diminished in number owing to the lamented death of some of the most prominent members, the advancing age of others, and various causes; and the remaining members decided to place their resignation in the hands of the President, Princess Christian, and to advise the formation of a new Committee.

At the meeting on the 7th inst. the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolution I.—"That the resignation of the Executive Committee be accepted, and that a new Committee be formed, consisting of the following persons:—The Lord Henry Bentinck, Miss Brodie-Hall, the Lady Edward Spencer Churchill, Mr. W. H. Dickinson, M.P., Dr. Morley Fletcher, Miss Gibson, Miss E. S. Haldane, the Lady Hindlip, Miss James, Miss Rathbone, Mrs. Fabian Ware."

Resolution II.—"That the present members of the General Committee be invited to continue as such; and that the Executive Committee have power from time to time, as they

may think fit, to add such other persons interested in Poor Law questions as may be willing to join; and that former subscribers to the funds of the Association be asked to continue their interest and support."

Resolution III.—"That the following be invited to retain their position of Vice-Presidents of the Association under the title of Hon. Vice-Presidents: Lady Wantage and the Hon. Mrs. John Talbot; and that Miss Wilson be invited to become a Hon. Vice-President."

Resolution IV.—"That the first meeting of the new Committee be held shortly to consider future work."

Among those present besides those already mentioned were Lady Wantage, the Hon. Mrs. John Talbot, Lady Edward Cavendish, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bonham-Carter, Mrs. S. D. Fuller, Mrs. A. C. Powell, Miss Emily Loch (in attendance on H.R.H. Princess Christian), and Miss Wilson. The whole of the newly appointed Committee attended, with the exception of Lord Henry Bentinck.

The appointment of officers has not yet been made.

Communications in regard to the Association should be addressed for the present to Miss Gill, Acting Secretary, 116, Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park.

NURSES OF NOTE.

Miss Helen Scott Hay, formerly Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses at Chicago, and Hon. Secretary of the International Committee on Nursing Education, has been travelling round the world and visiting hospitals in India, Burmah, China, Japan, and elsewhere. On her way back to America Miss Hay paid a brief visit to this country, when we had the great pleasure of renewing acquaintance with her, and learning something of the valuable information she has acquired during her tour.

The investigation of nursing conditions in various countries is work of great value to the profession at large. It will be remembered that Miss L. L. Dock studied the nursing situation in this and other European countries before presenting her brilliant survey in the "History of Nursing," and we do not doubt, that the Report of the Committee on Nursing Education presented to the International Council at San Francisco, will include valuable information gathered by Miss Hay in Oriental countries, where her charming personality must have made her a welcome visitor.

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