

evidence of the accomplishment of our hopes, this Register of more than one thousand seven hundred Trained Nurses, will give satisfaction to your Royal Highness, and that you will not regret the physical trouble which you have so generously bestowed on this work, evincing by its three thousand Members within the short space of three years a full vindication and justification of the views and desires of the first founders of this Institution, so much needed, and so long desired by the Medical profession particularly, and the public generally. Tendering our grateful thanks to your Royal Highness in the name of this Association, I humbly beg you to accept this first copy of the First Annual Register of the Association." (Loud applause.)

The Princess, rising and accepting the book, replied, "I am afraid you have said a great deal too much in my praise. I can only say that my whole heart is in the work, and that anything I can do to further it will be my pride and my pleasure." (Loud applause.)

A vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness for presiding at the meeting was then moved by Sir Richard Quain—

"That the General Council desires to take this opportunity to tender the most grateful thanks of the Members of the British Nurses' Association to Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, for her great personal interest in the Association, and for her invaluable assistance and advice in the difficult work of commencing this much-needed Registration of Trained Nurses."

Sir Richard, Quain said in moving the vote of thanks, that Her Royal Highness had always taken a very active part in promoting the welfare of the Association; that she had not only offered the Society the benefit and support of her invaluable aid—enhanced by her exalted position—but that she had spared neither time nor trouble to further the work of this much-needed Registration of Nurses; often coming long distances at great inconvenience to herself to be present at their meetings, and her example had imported greater energy and zeal into the work. He was sure, therefore, it would be a matter of extreme gratification to the Princess to have this Register of the Nurses and Members, carefully compiled and scrutinised, placed in her hands as evidence of one part of the work of this Association they had already accomplished, and as a guarantee to the public that they might employ with the utmost confidence any Nurses whose names were enrolled therein. He had, therefore, very great pleasure in being privileged to propose the resolution of the General Council, and a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness. (Applause.)

Sir Dyce Duckworth seconded the motion in a

few graceful words, specially remarking on the large amount of hard work which the Princess had done in this matter of Registration. The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried by acclamation.

Sir Edward Sieveking then moved a vote of thanks to Sir William Savory, for the valuable assistance he had always rendered to the Association, and for taking the chair on the present occasion. This was formally seconded, and put to the meeting, by Princess Christian, and carried by acclamation. Sir William Savory briefly acknowledged the vote, and the proceedings terminated.

NURSING ECHOES.

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THE Meeting of the General Council of the British Nurses' Association, held on Friday last at five p.m. at 20, Hanover Square, was an event which will be historical in Nursing annals. There was a large gathering of influential Medical men and Nurses. Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, who, as usual, came to the minute, was attended by Miss Emily Loch. She was dressed in black, with a mantle of black plush and Persian lamb, and wore a crimson velvet bonnet, with a jet aigrette. On entering the Council Room, Her Royal Highness took the Chair, but requested Sir William Savory, who was on her right hand, to conduct the business of the meeting. This eminent gentleman, who has so frequently taken the Chair at previous meetings of the Association, once more exhibited his well-known, and perhaps unequalled, capacity as a Chairman. The minutes were called for, read very distinctly and nicely by Miss Paul, put to the meeting and signed by the Princess. Then the report of the Executive Committee was asked for, read by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, formally proposed, seconded, put to the meeting, and declared carried—all in about ten minutes.

NEXT, Sir William Savory made his graceful speech and presentation of the Register to the Princess, who rose, and with evident feeling returned him well-earned thanks. The following speeches were hearty, but commendably



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