

Nurses and protection for the sick public, and this latest and great assistance will, doubtless, meet with most grateful recognition. (Loud applause.)

Sir EDWARD SIEVEKING: Your Royal Highness, Ladies and gentlemen, the resolution placed in my hands will meet with so immediate a response from all your hearts when you have heard it, that it is unnecessary for me to dilate upon it. It is this: "That the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, as representing Nurses in every part of Her Majesty's Empire, desires to take this, its first opportunity, of expressing the heartfelt sorrow felt by the whole Nursing profession at the death of His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, and their most respectful sympathy with Her MAJESTY the QUEEN and their Royal Highnesses the PRINCE and PRINCESS OF WALES, in their great bereavement.

The CHAIRMAN: This resolution need not be seconded, and I therefore put it at once to the meeting.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Her Royal Highness desires me to say that, if the addresses be drawn up she will be happy to sign and forward them to HER MAJESTY the QUEEN, and to the PRINCE OF WALES.

H.R.H. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN: Ladies and gentlemen, at the time of my husband's bad accident I received much sympathy from all of you. I have not until now been able to thank you, but I take this opportunity of doing so, and express my warmest thanks and those of my husband.

The CHAIRMAN: I have to announce to you the result of the scrutineers' report on the balloting papers. It appears that REBECCA DIXON has received sixteen votes, and MARY ANN SANDFORD one hundred and sixteen. The latter, therefore, is duly elected to the first Princess Helena Pension for Nurses. I presume it is the wish of the meeting that the report of the scrutineers be adopted, and the Pension duly awarded.

Carried unanimously.

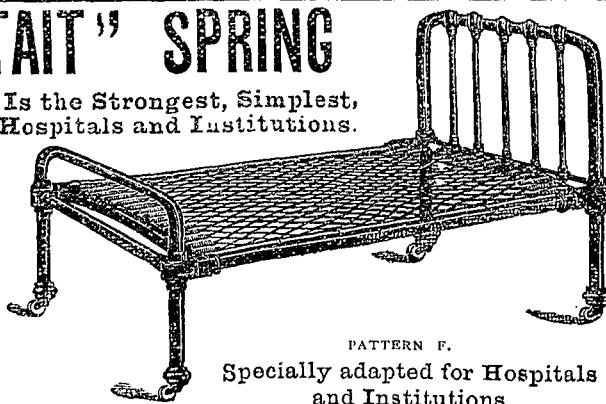
Dr. PRIESTLEY: May it please your Royal Highness, Ladies and gentlemen, I am the bearer of a resolution, which I will read to you, and which certainly needs no addition from me: "That the most grateful thanks of this meeting be given to Her Royal Highness the President for her constant support and invaluable counsel to the Association." The kindness of the Princess in coming here to-day is enhanced by the fact that she has but newly emerged from the shadow of great domestic trial and sorrow; but

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