

MARSDEN faced during her travels, aroused keen interest by his description of her "raising, if I may so express it, the Standard of the Cross, and appealing to the religious enthusiasm of a deeply religious people to aid her in seeking and saving those who were literally lost—to home and hope and human help."

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DR. FENWICK told how Miss MARSDEN, moreover, had "to the spirit as well as the letter fulfilled the Divine command to sell all that she had and give to the poor," and, furthermore, that, to his own knowledge, all her family except one brother had died of consumption, and that, some three years ago, it had been his duty to warn Miss MARSDEN that she must run no risk of exposure to damp or cold. She had not only, therefore, faced the manifest difficulties and dangers of her expedition, but she had done so knowing that she was carrying her life in her hand by exposing herself to the rigours of a Siberian winter.

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"THIS lady," concluded Dr. FENWICK, "is the member of the Association whom Her Royal Highness, at considerable personal inconvenience, has returned to England, this morning, to personally congratulate, and whom I venture to think that this Council in honouring, is honouring itself." Considerable applause followed, during which Dr. FENWICK, who had left the room, returned, leading Miss MARSDEN by the hand, and presented her to the Princess. Her Royal Highness came to the side of the dais, and taking the Badge from its morocco case, pinned it on Miss MARSDEN's breast, and assured her, in the most kindly manner, of the interest which she felt in her work.

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WHEN the prolonged applause had subsided, Sir WILLIAM SAVORY said that the Princess desired to propose, and he would gladly second and put to the Meeting, the following Resolution: "That the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association tenders to Miss KATE MARSDEN its sincere congratulations upon the great success which has already attended her efforts to alleviate the conditions under which the Siberian lepers live, and upon her safe return from her difficult and dangerous journeys. And the General Council assures Miss MARSDEN of the earnest sympathy and good wishes with which her fellow members of the Association, in all parts of the world, will watch her renewed travels through an almost unknown land, and the fresh efforts she is about to make in the cause of humanity on behalf of friendless, homeless, and helpless outcasts." The motion was carried amidst loud cheers.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN then spoke as follows: "I should like to take this opportunity of saying

how gratified I have been to learn that two of our members—the Misses ANNESLEY and HENRIETTA KENEALY—volunteered their services, and for some time acted, as Nurses in the Eppendorfer Hospital, at Hamburg, during the recent severe epidemic of cholera in that city. There was of necessity a great stress of work at the time, and I am told that the services of these two English Nurses were most valuable, and were highly valued. I may also say now that I have heard from different people while I was abroad that these two ladies served as an example to other Nurses. As this Meeting knows, we are now organizing a reserve of volunteer Nurses, so that if the cholera appears in this country next year the Association will be able to send Nurses to districts which otherwise in the stress of an epidemic might be unable to obtain such help. I earnestly hope that a large number of members of the Association and of other trained Nurses will place their names upon our roll of volunteer Nurses."

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SIR WILLIAM SAVORY moved that the President's gracious words should be entered on the Minutes, and this was agreed to, by acclamation. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the President concluded the proceedings, and the members separated with many expressions of pleasure, not only at the interesting ceremony they had witnessed, but at the fact that three members had so publicly distinguished themselves. "It is not so bad," I heard one Nurse say, "considering that Mr. BURDETT's paper calls us the 'scum of the Nursing profession.'"

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MR. EDITOR asks me to place here the remarks with which Miss MARSDEN prefaced a paper which was read for her before the Medical Society in Moscow, and the full text of which appears in another column. They were as follows:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Allow me to express my sincere thanks for the great honour you have done me in asking me to give your honoured Society some details of my journey among the lepers in Siberia.

As I have the honour to address a scientific Society, it will be found out of place for me to speak of the philanthropic side of my work from a Christian standpoint. I shall then, only show to the scientific world the great work that there is to be done with reference to the non-sanitary conditions in which the lepers of the Yakoutsk Government live, and will ask the advice and co-operation of your honoured Society in this work of Christian humanity.

Not knowing the Russian language and wishing to be understood by all present here, I have asked the honoured President to read my report in Russian.

All the details contained in it have been taken from official Russian documents which have been given me, and which are in my actual possession. They have been carefully studied by the honoured President,

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