

comment, while the discussions on the papers, and on the questions proposed for consideration, were animated, and interesting. The greatest enthusiasm and harmony characterized all the proceedings, while the skilful way in which the business was conducted from the chair proved conclusively the ability of the Nursing Profession to manage its own affairs. The members, after passing a vote of thanks to Miss Stewart, in her capacity as chairman, and to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, for the work done by her in organizing the Conference, separated, after many last words, for another year, looking forward with keen anticipation to their second annual Conference, which, it is hoped, will be of an international nature.

**MORNING  
SESSION,  
JUNE 15th.**

The Chair was taken by Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who opened the proceedings with an address of welcome to the members. Miss Stewart was supported on the platform by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Councillor, Miss Knight, Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham, Vice-Chairman, Miss Pell-Smith, Matron of the Home Hospital, Leicester, and Miss Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary.

Miss Breay, Hon. Secretary, then read the following letter from Miss Beachcroft, Matron of the Lincoln County Hospital, a Councillor, and late Vice-Chairman of the Council.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you convey to the Members of the Matrons' Council, assembled in our first Annual Conference, my hearty good wishes for the success of the gathering, and my sincere regret that, owing to illness I am not able to be

present, and take part in this most interesting event. Nothing but good can come from the sympathetic co-operation of the Matrons of Hospitals, especially of those who are inspired with a true sense of professional responsibility, and are desirous as, I feel sure, every member of the Matrons' Council is, to see efficiency and good discipline maintained in our work.

Yours  
sincerely,  
C. M. BEACHCROFT.

Letters of regret at inability to attend the Conference were also reported from Mrs. Strong, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow;

Miss Dewing, Salop Infirmary; Miss Dannatt, late Matron Royal Infirmary, Manchester; Sister Mary, the Infirmary, Sunderland; Miss K. V. Macintyre, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan; Miss Maud Smith, late Matron Royal Infirmary, Bristol; Miss Scott, late Matron Sussex County Hospital, Brighton; Miss Shirley, Nurses' Institute, Stoke-on-Trent; Miss Lucy Smith, Marland Fever Hospital, Rochdale; Mrs. Alfred Booth, President



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