

## The Matrons' Council.



THE Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Thursday, April 6th.

Miss Isla Stewart, Chairman, presided.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were laid before the meeting from Miss Hay-Forbes, Tunbridge Wells, Miss Barling, Kidderminster, Miss Mareydd Harrison, Southport, Miss Lucy Smith, Coventry, Miss Purvis, Middlesboro', and Miss Elma Smith, London.

Applications for membership were received from the following Matrons, all of whom were elected unanimously:—Miss Kathleen L. Burleigh, Fountain Fever Hospital; Miss Dora Finch, New Hospital for Women; Miss S. A. P. Hannaford, Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum; Miss Henrietta Hawkins, St. Luke's House, Osna-burg Street; Miss E. Julian, Croydon Infirmary; Miss Dorothy Lucas, London Temperance Hospital; Miss M. E. Shipley, Fulham Infirmary; Miss Lucy Walker, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

### A CHAIR OF CLINICAL NURSING.

Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Secretary, reported that in accordance with the direction of the Council she had forwarded the following letter to the Warden of Durham University and had received the following replies on the subject of a Chair of Clinical Nursing:—

46, York Street, Portman Square,  
3rd February, 1899.

SIR,—At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council, held at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, under the Presidency of the Chairman, Miss Isla Stewart, it was unanimously decided that the subjoined Resolution should be forwarded to you. May I ask you kindly to bring it before the Governors of the University.

"The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland an Association of Superintendents of Trained Nurses, desire to draw the attention of the Authorities of Durham University to the fact that a Chair of Clinical Nursing has been founded by the University of Texas, and that Miss Hanna Kindbom, Matron of the John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, has been appointed to this chair. The Matrons' Council have learnt with much pleasure, that the University of Durham proposes to admit women to its degrees, and they desire to represent to the authorities the desirability of founding a Chair of Clinical Nursing in this country. They consider that in so doing, the University of Durham would give prom-

inence to a subject of great importance in the education of women."

I enclose a list of the officers of the Matrons' Council,

And remain, SIR,

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Sec. Matrons' Council.

To the Very Reverend The Dean of Durham.

The Deanery, Durham,  
4th February, 1899.

DEAR MADAM,—I have received your letter with the Resolution passed by your Council, and shall readily submit it to the Senate of the University.

They, however, can take only one step—that is, they will send it on (with or without recommendation, as they may see fit) to the Durham College of Medicine, which has the right to decide all questions about their whole Staff.

I am quite sure from my knowledge of Dr. Philipson, the President of the College, that your suggestion will have kindly reception, however they may decide, for the College of Medicine have already several lady undergraduates, and their degrees with all the other Durham Degrees except theology, are open to men and women on exactly equal terms. Senate meets next Tuesday and the matter will then be set forward one step.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours sincerely,

G. W. KITCHIN.

Deanery, Durham,  
7th February, 1899.

DEAR MADAM,—I laid your Resolution on Clinical Nursing before Senate this afternoon; and they at once wished it to be handed on to President Philipson. He was very sympathetic, and seemed to regard it with goodwill. He promised to lay it before the Council of the College of Medicine, and report on it at a later meeting of Senate.

I hope this report will be favourable. I don't know whether they will recommend any Degree of any kind. But there should be some effective recognition.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. KITCHIN.

In answer to a letter sent to the President of the Durham College of Medicine, Miss Breay reported the following reply:—

7, Eldon Square,  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,  
8th February, 1899.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 6th, with Resolution from the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland in reference to the formation of a Chair of Clinical Nursing in connection with the University of Durham, and to state that the Dean of Durham (Warden of the University of Durham) at the meeting of the Senate yesterday, introduced the question, which was referred to the Council of the College of Medicine, to be reported upon.

Yours truly,

G. HARE PHILIPSON.

To Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Sec.,  
Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

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