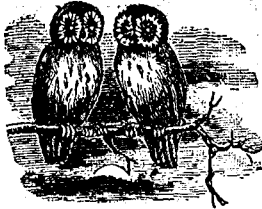


The Matrons' Council.



THE Quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Thursday, February 8th, at 4 p.m. Miss Isla Stewart (Chairman) presided.

Miss Margaret Breay (Hon. Sec.) read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, and announced letters of regret at inability to attend from Miss Cureton (Cambridge), Miss L. Hayes (Omagh), Miss Beatrice Jones (London), Miss Purvis (Middlesborough).

Letters from Miss Dora Finch (Matron, New Hospital for Women), Miss L. Bradshaw (Matron, Donnybrook Hospital, Dublin), Miss Shipley (Matron, Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith), and Miss Beatrice Jones (Matron, Victoria Park Hospital, E.), accepting seats on the Executive Committee, were announced.

A letter from Miss Burleigh (Matron of the Fountain Fever Hospital), accepting a seat on the Sub-Committee formed for the purpose of defining a course of Hospital Economics, and others from Miss Julian (Matron, Croydon Infirmary), and Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, accepting seats on the Nursing Directory Sub-Committee, were also laid before the meeting.

LETTERS FROM HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary then read the following letters from Hon. Members of the Council in acknowledgement of the Society's Badge:—

From MRS. HAMPTON ROBB,
President National Associated Alumnae, United States.
1342, Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland,

Nov. 6th 1899.

DEAR MISS BREAY,—Will you kindly convey to the Matrons' Council my warmest thanks and my deep appreciation of the honour done me by them in presenting me with the beautiful Badge designed for their Honorary Members. I shall always hold it among my most cherished possessions, and I trust that the cordial relations and interest existing between the Matrons' Council in England and the Superintendents' Society in the United States may grow the closer as time goes on and their work and aims develop. In receiving the Badge my regret in not being present at the Congress, and in not having had the pleasure and privilege of receiving it personally from their hands comes all back afresh.

I am, Dear Miss Breay,
Yours faithfully,
ISABEL HAMPTON ROBB.

From MISS AGNES S. BRENNAN,
Superintendent of Training School for Nurses, Bellevue Hospital, New York City.
426, East 26th Street,
New York,

January 19th, 1900.

DEAR MADAM,—I have received the beautiful Badge of your Society and am proud to possess it. Please express to the Council my appreciation of the honour conferred, and the pleasure I shall take in wearing it. Should any member of your Society visit the United States at any time, I will consider it a privilege to entertain them during their stay in New York.

Believe me, Dear Madam,

Very Sincerely Yours,
AGNES S. BRENNAN.

MISS M. BREAY.

From MISS HANNA KINDBOM,
Superintendent and Clinical Instructor of Nursing, John Sealy Hospital, Galveston.
Professor of Nursing in the University of Texas.
Galveston, Texas,

January 22nd, 1900.

MY DEAR MISS BREAY,—I herewith extend to the Matrons' Council my sincerest gratitude for their beautiful Badge presented to me. I consider it an honour, and am happy to bear it as a sure sign of the great friendship which binds the British and American nurses so closely together. I have with great interest been reading about our American women sending the hospital ship *Maine* to give relief to the poor suffering soldiers. My interest and best wishes go with them. Please excuse the delay in answering the letter, but a long spell of illness has prevented me from attending to most of my work. With deepest respect and best wishes for Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and yourself.

I am yours most sincerely,

HANNA KINDBOM.

From MISS MARY AGNES SNIVELY,
Superintendent General Hospital, Toronto.
General Hospital, Toronto.

Dec. 9th, 1899.

MY DEAR MISS BREAY,—The beautiful little Badge presented by the Matrons' Council to the hon. members arrived safely on the 7th of December. Will you tell the Council how much I shall always appreciate the honour conferred by them? We are much interested in the nurses who have gone to South Africa. Miss Pope, who went with the Canadian contingent, is known to me personally, and is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital, New York, the school I had the honour to graduate from. May this dreadful war soon be over with added honour for dear old England. Again thanking you,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
MARY AGNES SNIVELY.

From MISS J. P. REYNVAAN,
Late Matron of the Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam.
Amsterdam Holland,
Jan. 6th, 1900.

DEAR MADAM,—Illness has prevented me from answering your most kind letter, as well as the arrival of the Badge for the Honorary Members of the Matrons' Council. I thank you, dear Madam, most heartily for sending it. I am most happy to accept it.

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