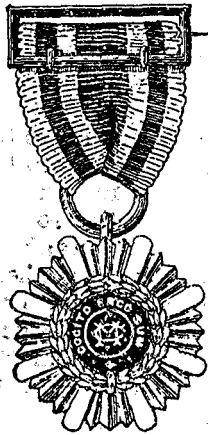


## THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



The Summer Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held on Friday, 4th inst., at the Edith Cavell Home, Coombe Head, Haslemere, by the kind invitation of the Ladies' Committee and the Matron, Miss Hurlston. In spite of uncertain weather, a party of twenty members assembled at Waterloo, and added to their numbers at Woking, and again at Guildford.

A dainty luncheon was served on their arrival at Coombe Head, in the dining-room which appeared to be a veritable bower of roses, and after an inspection of the rest of the charming premises, the members adjourned to the nurses' drawing-room where the business meeting took place.

### MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO MRS. AITKEN.

The President, Miss Heather Bigg, who presided, said she was sure that all the members present would wish to join in a message of heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Aitken on the loss of her husband, who passed away after two days' illness.

The Rev. G. H. Aitken, the generous donor of the Edith Cavell Home for Nurses, and the late Rector of Haslemere, would be sincerely missed and mourned by all the neighbourhood, and Miss Heather Bigg asked Miss Hurlston the Matron, to convey to Mrs. Aitken, and also to the Edith Cavell Committee, sincere messages of sympathy from the Matrons' Council.

A large number of letters of regret at inability to attend the meeting were received, and Miss Hulme added that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Breay, Miss Cartwright, and Miss Helen Pearse were much disappointed at being unable to join the party.

### LETTER TO LORD AMPHILL.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent from the Matrons' Council to Lord Amphill, expressing to him their warm appreciation of the help and support he had given for so many years to the cause of State Registration for Nurses.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Nine applications for membership were received and accepted.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN AND REGISTRATION.

Miss Bickerton, Matron of the Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, gave a most interesting account of the meetings and discussions that took place during the Conference held by the National Council of Women at Leicester. She made special reference to the inspiring presidential address of Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.

Miss Bickerton referred to the Urgency Resolution brought forward at the Conference, proposed on behalf of "The National Union of Trained Nurses."

### RESOLUTION.

"That the National Council of Women approves the Resolution passed by its Legislation Committee, supporting the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses, and again urges on the Government the imperative importance of the Bill, now before the House of Commons, becoming law this session."

Miss Amy Hughes raised objections to the Resolution, but it was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Miss Bickerton was warmly thanked by her audience for her interesting report of the discussion held at Leicester, and for her kindness in attending the Conference as one of the representatives from the Matrons' Council on that occasion.

### A GOVERNMENT BILL.

Miss Heather Bigg followed with a short account of the progress of the Central Committee's Bill for State Registration in its Report stage in the House of Commons, and reminded her audience of the pledge given by Dr. Addison of a Bill for State Registration being brought in as a Government measure.

### LETTER OF THANKS TO MAJOR BARNETT.

It was agreed that a cordial vote of thanks should be sent to Major Barnett, M.P., for "sticking to his guns" and refusing to withdraw the Bill on its Report stage in the House of Commons, as advocated by the representatives of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in the House of Commons.

A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Hurlston, the Matron, and to the Ladies' Committee, for their kindness in receiving the Matrons' Council, and for their generous hospitality, brought the business meeting to a close.

### A PERFECT DAY.

Tea and a reception followed (held indoors owing to the rain), but rendered delightful by a talented quartette of violinists and pianist from London, who gave the visitors a musical treat of the highest order.

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