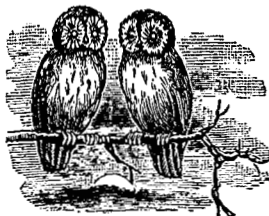


Matrons in Council.



A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 5 p.m., at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the same address.

A Meeting of the Matrons' Council will take place on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m., at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, for which all members will receive notice with agenda.

The second Conference of the Matrons' Council will take place at 8.30 p.m. on the 17th inst., at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., when a Paper, entitled "Infirmaries Matrons under the Poor Law," will be read by Miss Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, and late Matron of the Chelsea Poor Law Infirmary. Discussion is invited.

MAUD ANDREWS,
Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSES.

We have pleasure in printing the Constitution of the above Society, as amended at Sessions held in New York, last year, for we feel sure it will be read with interest by those of our readers who are, and those who intend to become, Members and Associates of the British Matrons' Council.

ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be to further the best interests of the nursing profession by establishing and maintaining a universal standard of training, and by promoting fellowship among its members by meetings, papers and discussions on nursing subjects, and by interchange of opinions.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be four classes of members; (1) Active members, who shall be Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, resident in the United States and British America; (2) Associate members; (3) Honorary members; and (4) Corresponding members.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and six other members of the Association to be called Councillors; all of these officers together shall constitute a body which shall be known as the Council.

ARTICLE V.

The Active members of the Association shall include members of the preliminary organization and all past and present superintendents of training schools connected with incorporated and well-organized general hospitals.

Members shall be graduates in good and regular standing from training schools connected with incorporated general hospitals giving not less than a two years' course of instruction. The Honorary members shall include those so designated in that list; the Associate members shall include all assistant Superintendents.

Every candidate for admission to the Association hereafter, in either of the three above-named classes of members, or as a Corresponding member, shall be proposed in writing to the Council, in an application addressed to the President, with a statement of the candidate's name and residence, professional qualifications, any appointments then or formerly held, and certifying that she is a fit and proper person for membership. In the case of a candidate for Active or Associate membership, the application shall be signed by two Active members of the Association; and by three Active members for the proposal of an Honorary or Corresponding member. The names of all candidates approved by a majority vote of members of the Council present at its annual meeting shall be presented on a written or printed ballot to the Association at its concurrent annual meeting, and the election shall be by a majority vote of the members present.

The only persons eligible for Associate membership are regularly appointed assistant superintendents of training schools for nurses that are regarded to be properly such by the Council; and they are eligible for such membership only during the time they are holding such appointments. After holding such an appointment two years, an Associate member may become an Active member by making application in writing to the Council, and upon its approval being elected in the manner heretofore prescribed.

ARTICLE VI.

Boards of Managers of training schools for nurses and trustees of hospitals, and others who have shown special interest in nursing work, or who have rendered signal service in promoting the interests of nursing shall be eligible for Honorary membership.

Trained nurses, not resident in the United States and British America, who are actively engaged in nursing work, may be elected Corresponding members.

Active and Associate members only shall be entitled to a vote at any meeting. Honorary and Corresponding members shall be exempt from all payments to the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

Any member of the Association may withdraw from it on signifying her desire to do so in writing to the Secretary, provided that she shall have paid all her dues to the Association. Any member who shall fail for three successive years to pay her dues after special notice by the Treasurer shall be regarded as having resigned her membership, unless such dues shall have been remitted by the Council for good and sufficient reasons.

Any member who shall be declared unfit for membership by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Council present at an annual meeting of that body shall have her name presented by it for the action of the Association from which she shall be dismissed if it be so voted by two-thirds of the members present at its annual meeting.

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