

Conferences. The Six Sections of the Congress will be arranged in the following order:—

- 1.—International Arbitration.
- 2.—Educational.
- 3.—Professional.
- 4.—Political.
- 5.—Legislative and Industrial.
- 6.—Social.

"By this means Nursing will receive a prominent position in the International Congress, and it only remains for the members of our profession to show that they appreciate this great opportunity to make our Section an assured success.

"I beg, therefore, to propose the following Resolution, and if passed that it should be forwarded to the Committee of Arrangements of the Congress, and entered on our minutes:—

"That the Matrons' Council learns with extreme pleasure that the Committee of Arrangements for the International Congress of Women, to be held in London, in June 1899, have included Nursing in the subjects to be duly discussed in the Professional Section of the Conference, and beg to express their thanks to the said Committee for the opportunity thus afforded to the Nursing Profession of International comparison and discussion."

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 1898—99.

The three years' term of office of Miss N. Cureton, Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, as Vice Chairman, having expired, it was resolved that she be appointed a Councillor, subject to her assent to act. Miss Margaret Huxley, Matron of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and Miss M. Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton, having signified their willingness to accept office as Vice-Chairmen, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that they be appointed.

Miss Sydney Browne, Superintendent Sister, Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, Miss Foley, Royal Hospital, Richmond, and Miss M. Greenhough Smith, late Matron, Royal Infirmary, Bristol, were elected to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee.

Eighteen applications from Matrons for membership were then considered and approved.

It was unanimously agreed that Miss Hanna Kindbom, Superintendent of Nursing at the John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, U.S.A., and Professor of Nursing in the University of Texas (who has signified her acceptance of office) be appointed an Honorary Member of the Matrons' Council.

The resignation of Miss Alice Dannatt, late Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, was accepted with much regret.

CHANGE OF NAME.

The question as to whether it was desirable to change the name of the Council to the "Hospital Matrons' Council," was considered. After some discussion, it was decided that the name of the Council should remain the same, and that the

words, "An Association of Superintendents of Trained Nurses," should be added in brackets as a sub-heading.

LETTERS FROM HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary read the following letters from Miss J. P. Reynvaan, of Amsterdam, Miss Martha Farquharson, Matron of the Melbourne Hospital, and Miss Lavinia Dock, Hon. Secretary of the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools of the United States.

Amsterdam, July 12th, 1898.

DEAR MADAM,—With grateful thanks for your kind remembrance, and the most cordial invitation of the "Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, to the Honorary Members of the Society, to attend the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women, to be held in London in the summer of 1899," and the kind hospitality offered for the Conference Week, I most gladly accept your kind offer, and earnestly hope to be present in London for the International Council. A very serious illness made me resign my post of Matron of the Wilhelmina Hospital, which I fulfilled with such great pleasure during more than thirteen years, two years ago, and prevented my attending your meetings in London, one of my most earnest desires. My health being quite restored, and my medical adviser and friend, Dr. J. Kuiper, the Medical Superintendent of our Hospital in Amsterdam, allowing me to use all my renewed strength and energy in the cause of nursing, and the care of the nurses, I most gladly accept the occasion to meet so many interesting English Matrons and members of the Nursing Association.

I beg you kindly, most honoured Madam, to accept my very hearty greetings, and remain, most faithfully yours,

J. P. REYNVAAN.

Formerly Matron of the Wilhelmina Hospital,
Amsterdam.

New York, July 16th, 1898.

DEAR MISS BREAY,—Your letter of the 2nd of July, giving me the very unexpected and flattering invitation to be the guest of the "Matrons' Council," next summer has reached me, and I need hardly assure you that this invitation is deeply appreciated. I feel it to be quite an unmerited honour, and would almost hesitate to accept it, for there are others who would be so much more able to rise to the occasion. However none, I am sure, would enjoy or value it more than I. It is quite out of my power now to know whether I shall be able to attend. Should the opportunity come I should consider it a great pleasure and privilege.

Believe me to be,
Very sincerely yours,
L. L. Dock.

Melbourne Hospital,
August 30th, 1898.

DEAR MADAM,—It was with very great pleasure I received your note from the Matrons' Council inviting me to be their guest at their meeting in 1899. Should I be in England at that time, I shall have great pleasure in accepting their kind offer of hospitality. But I do

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