

not think, however, that it was possible to give a thorough training in a small hospital.

Mrs. Sinclair (Toronto) said she felt she must express with what extreme enjoyment she had listened to what she had heard during the Conference. The subjects discussed had been of intense interest to all nurses. She was sure that when she returned to Canada, and she told, as she assuredly should tell, the Nursing profession in that country, of what she had seen and heard at the Conference of the Matron's Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the interest aroused would be extreme. She considered it a great privilege to have been present at so harmonious and delightful a gathering.

Miss Breay (London) said that a very interesting suggestion had been made by Mrs. Hampton Robb, in her Presidential address, at the recent annual meeting of the Associated Alumnae, of the United States and Canada, at New York. Mrs. Robb was of opinion that the responsibility rested upon the Alumnae of helping the trustees of the small hospitals to obtain efficient nursing, and that, therefore, as a Society they should endeavour to provide these hospitals with competent nurses, at no greater cost than would be entailed to these institutions by a small training school and untrained pupils. She thought that to insure proper nursing in the poor and smaller hospitals should be one of the purposes of the Alumnae Association if they received money and accepted bequests. Miss Breay was of opinion that this placed a high ideal of their responsibilities before the graduate nurses of America.

A CORDIAL INVITATION.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick then rose to move the following resolution:—"That a cordial invitation be extended by 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 that hospitality be offered to these ladies for the Conference Week." In speaking to the resolution Mrs. Fenwick said, that as an expression of appreciation, and of admiration for the work accomplished by their colleagues in various parts of the world, the Matrons' Council had invited several leaders of nursing progress to do them the honour of becoming Honorary Members of the Council. All the ladies had accepted the invitation, and the Matrons' Council had thus representatives in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States and Holland. She felt sure that the members of the Matrons' Council present here to-day would unite with her in extending to Miss Martha Farquharson, of the Melbourne Hospital; Mrs. Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals, New Zealand; Miss Mary Snively, General Hospital, Toronto; Mrs. Hampton Robb, the President of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States; Miss Brennan, Superintendent of Bellevue Hospital, New York—the Mother of American Training Schools; Miss Lavinia Dock,

Secretary of the American Society of Superintendents; Miss Hanna Kindbom, the first Professor of Clinical Nursing, and Madame Reijnvaan, the Founder of the Dutch Association of Nurses (loud applause); a very cordial and pressing invitation to be present at the great International Congress of Women to be held in London in the summer of 1899, when it is hoped that an International Conference on Nursing will be held. I ask the ladies to pass this resolution by acclamation, and to be prepared to give a loyal and hearty welcome to those of our colleagues from other lands who are able to accept our invitation.

The Resolution was passed amidst enthusiastic applause.

CLOSING WORDS.

A very hearty vote of thanks having been proposed and passed with cordiality to Miss Isla Stewart, for so ably presiding at the Conference in her official position as Chairman of the Matron's Council, she said, in a brief reply of thanks, that it was her duty as chairman to bring to a close a very pleasant two days. She thought that they would all be agreed that they had gained an enormous amount of information, and, personally, she had enjoyed the Conference extremely. She felt that they ought not to separate without passing a very cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. It was through Mrs. Fenwick that they were there at all, and she had taken immense trouble to make the Conference a success.

In thanking the Meeting for the vote of thanks then accorded, Mrs. Fenwick begged that the names of Miss Margaret Breay and Miss Jamieson might also be included in the vote of thanks passed to herself; both these ladies had worked hard for the success of the Conference.

The vote of thanks was carried unanimously with much applause, and the first Annual Conference of the Matron's Council was brought to a successful conclusion.

A Sad Loss.

THE sudden death of Sister Bridget Martagh, who, for the last fifteen years, has been in charge of the Royal Irish Constabulary Ward at Dr. Steevens's Hospital, Dublin, has caused widespread and sincere grief in the Irish capital. So greatly was Sister Martagh esteemed by her patients that early this year she was made the recipient of a beautifully-illuminated address, accompanied by a gold watch and chain, the gift of the non-commissioned officers and men who had been under her care at different times in Steevens's Hospital. The funeral took place on Sunday, and was largely attended by many true mourners.

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