

The members of the Matrons' Council present expressed their gratification at the sympathetic manner in which their Resolution had been received by the Warden of the Durham University and the President of the University of Durham College of Medicine.

GUESTS OF THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

Letters were read from Mrs. Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals, New Zealand, and from Mrs. Hampton Robb, President of the National Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada, Honorary members of the Council, intimating that they hoped to be present at the International Congress of Women, and accepting the hospitality of the Matrons' Council for the Congress Week. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick reported that for the convenience of the honorary members who had accepted their hospitality, she had taken rooms at an hotel close to the head quarters of the Congress at Westminster Town Hall, where satisfactory arrangements would be made for the reception and comfort of their guests, and that owing to the generosity of individual members of the Matrons' Council the financial arrangements might be left in her hands.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

It was arranged that the Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council should take place on Saturday the 1st of July, and that the large room holding upwards of 300, at 20, Hanover Square, should be secured for the occasion, as the Nursing Conference in the Quinquennial International Congress had been fixed to take place on Friday 30th of June, in the Council Chamber at Westminster Town Hall, and many members had intimated their intention of being present. Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Vice President of the International Council of Women, had most kindly consented to give an Address.

The Programme was then considered, and arranged as follows:—

PROGRAMME.

10.30 a.m.—Short Address of Welcome by the Chairman, Miss Isla Stewart, to be followed by Questions, in the form of Ten Minutes Papers, and Discussion.

1.—The Balance of Power in Hospital Administration.

2.—The Value of Discipline in Training.

3.—The Work of Women on Hospital Boards.

12.30.—Address by Mrs. May Wright-Sewall on 'The International Idea.'

It was arranged that admission to the Conference should be by ticket, and that each member should be asked to intimate to the Hon. Secretary what number of tickets she desired for her

nursing staff; that non-members might be admitted by request, and that a limited number of invitations should be sent to ladies and gentlemen interested in Nursing.

The Conference would close at 2 p.m., to enable the members of the Congress to avail themselves of the kind invitation of Mrs. Creighton to a Garden Party at Fulham Palace, which had been arranged to take place on the afternoon of Saturday, the 1st of July.

THE BADGE.

The question of the style of a Badge for the members of the Council was then considered, and a preference was expressed for a silver star (symbolic of aspiration), and it also was desired that specimen badges should be submitted to the Executive Committee at an early date, so that they could be executed in time for the Conference. It was thought that as the presence in London at one time of so many Honorary Members of the Society would be quite a unique occasion, it would be a very appropriate and graceful action to bestow the Badge of the Society upon the Honorary Members present.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

It was proposed and agreed to that the members of the Matrons' Council should dine together on the evening of Friday the 30th of June.

"To meet Mrs. May Wright-Sewall, and the Honorary Members of the Council." Arrangements to be made forthwith for this interesting ceremony.

A letter addressed to the Members was then read by the Hon. Secretary, giving detailed information concerning the preceding arrangements, which she was desired to forward to each one, as soon as the arrangements were completed. This will be done.

MARGARET BREAY,
(Hon. Sec. of the Matrons' Council).

We have the pleasure to announce that a Private Room has been secured at the Criterion Restaurant for the evening of Friday the 30th of June, for the Matrons' Council Dinner, when Miss Isla Stewart, Chairman, will preside, supported, we hope, by all the officers and members of the Society. Toasts will be proposed, and short speeches made, and the Badge of the Society will be bestowed by the Chairman on all the honorary members present. We predict that this will prove one of the most interesting, and picturesque occasions which will arise out of the great International Gathering of Women in the coming summer.

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