

done me in including me in the invitation, and with best wishes for success, believe me,
 Very faithfully yours,
 ISABEL HAMPTON ROBB.
 1342, Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, U.S.A.

DEAR MISS BREAY,—The news that I had been "unanimously appointed an Honorary Member" of the Matrons' Council gave me unlimited pleasure. I appreciate most highly the kind invitation to attend the International Congress of Women and fully realize that my attendance at same would be of infinite benefit to me. I sincerely regret that it will be impossible for me to leave my field of work again so shortly. The duties incumbent upon my position seem ever increasing and I fear it will be a long while ere I can enjoy a vacation such as my last one. Extending my deepest respect to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick I am with very kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
 HANNA KINDBOM.
 Galveston, Texas.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Though unable to take part in the International Congress of Women, will you as a mark of my interest and sympathy with the efforts of the Matrons' Council, who are intimately connected with it, hand my subscription of one guinea to their Secretary towards the increase of expenses which at such a time must be heavy. Wishing every success to all the efforts made at the Congress towards the advancement of women (in reasonable bounds), and hoping for good results for the subjects of our own profession which are to be discussed,

Believe me,
 Very faithfully yours,
 M. D. FARQUHARSON.
 Melbourne Hospital.

To the Chairman, Matrons' Council, London.

DEAR MADAM,—I much regret my inability to accept your kind invitation to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council, to be held on the 1st of July. I must therefore content myself with getting an account of it in the nursing papers.

Accept my best wishes for the success of your meeting, and I sincerely trust all your efforts in the cause of nursing will be duly rewarded. With repeated good wishes, believe me,

Yours sincerely,
 S. B. MCGAHEY,
 Matron.
 Prince Alfred Hospital,
 Missenden Road, Camperdown,
 Sydney, N. S. Wales.

MY DEAR MISS BREAY,—I now find it impossible to be present at the International Congress, although I have made every effort as far as I am concerned personally. I trust you may have a most pleasant and profitable time. I shall always regret my inability to be present and share with you in the pleasures which promise to be yours at that time. Thanking you once more for the hospitality so kindly proffered,

I remain, with kind regards,
 Yours faithfully,
 MARY AGNES SNIVELY.
 Toronto, Canada.

Miss Stewart then delivered her presidential address from the chair. She spoke with pleasure of the fact that two Honorary Members of the Matrons' Council—Mrs. Neill and Miss Lavinia Dock—had come over as Delegates to the International Congress of Women. Referring to the progress of the Matrons' Council, Miss Stewart said that it had only existed for about five years. The first few years the Council Meetings had been held every three months, but so many members lived in the country that did not answer; therefore, last year they had inaugurated an Annual Conference, which seemed to answer very well. There were now about 92 members belonging to the Association, which, considering the small number of Matrons in the United Kingdom as compared to the number of nurses, she felt to be satisfactory; also, they had 9 Honorary Members. No resignations had taken place during the year, but there had been 3 deaths. Miss Darche, until recently the Matron of the New York Training School for Nurses, Blackwall's Island, had died from the effects of nervous breakdown; Miss Dannatt, formerly Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, also Miss Violet Clarke, the Matron of the Chichester Infirmary, had been taken from them. The Council had been working quietly during the year, but she must draw attention to the fact that the Matrons' Council having learnt that a College for Women, in connection with the Durham University, was in course of formation, and that women were to be admitted to all the degrees of the University, a letter had been written, bringing before the authorities the desirability of founding a Chair of Nursing. Gratifying and sympathetic letters had been received from the Dean of Durham, the Warden of the University, saying that the matter would be considered, but they had not yet heard the result.

Although the suggestion of the Council might not be immediately acted upon, yet the spirit in which it had been received by the University authorities was most gratifying to the members.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK spoke on "The International Idea," but made her remarks very brief, as Mrs. May Wright Sewall had come to speak on this subject. She was entirely in sympathy with Mrs. Sewall, but she was a practical person and wanted to bring down this International Idea to the practical needs of nurses, and to propose that it should be utilized in connection with the nursing profession. She spoke as follows:—

"I desire to bring before this meeting a question which I believe to be of international interest and importance, and I am happy in knowing that it will be supported by a speaker whose eloquence

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