

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	13	3	0
Miss M. Breay... ..	1	1	0
Miss Rosina Graham	1	0	0
Miss Ross	0	19	0
Miss Julian	0	11	0
Miss A. Brown... ..	0	10	6
Miss Isla Stewart (for flowers)	0	10	0
Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (for flowers)... ..	0	10	0
Miss Wingfield... ..	0	10	0
Miss C. B. Walker	0	10	0
Miss J. Curtis	0	10	0
Miss Sidney Browne	0	5	0
Per Treasurer M.R.D.C.	1	6	11
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	£21	6	5

Making a total of £21 6s. 5d., which sum enabled the Council to extend hospitality to the representative nurses who attended the International Congress, and to meet the obligations which devolved upon it at this time.

The Balance Sheet for the year shows that our receipts have been £78 3s. 5d., and our expenses £80 7s. 5d. The deficit on the year's accounts is, therefore, £2 4s. od., against which there are badges in hand value £2 10s. od.

THE EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

Resolution sent to Durham University.

1. In view of the announcement that a College for Women, with a Lady Principal at its head, was to be founded in connection with Durham University, and that all the degrees of the University, with the exception of that in theology, were opened to women, a resolution was sent to the Dean of Durham, Warden of the University, drawing attention to the desirability of founding a Chair of Clinical Nursing. The Resolution was laid by the Warden before the Senate, and sympathetically received. It was referred by that body to the Council of Medicine, to be reported upon. It is to be regretted that the Council of Medicine objected to the foundation of the Chair, more especially as the Society of Superintendents of Nurse Training Schools in this country has urged this measure as desirable.

THE NURSING DIRECTORY.

The Nursing Directory has been once more issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, an important branch of the work of the Society, as it is the only Directory which is issued under efficient professional control, and which requires the qualification of a three years' certificate of hospital training.

BADGE.

A silver gilt star, with a blue enamel centre, bearing the letters M.C. and the motto "Cogito

ergo sum" (I think, therefore I am) suspended by a red, white and blue ribbon, has been adopted as the Badge of the Society. In instituting the Badge it was decided to ask the Hon. Members to accept it, a recognition which has afforded considerable satisfaction.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

It will be remembered that in May of last year a unanimous resolution was passed by the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the International Council of Women urging that trained nursing for the sick should form one of the subjects for discussion during the International Congress of Women in London this year. At a subsequent meeting of the Committee of the International Council of Women, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who was present, proposed that nursing should form a department of the Professional Section, and this was agreed to. Subsequently, Mrs. Fenwick was asked to act as Convener and Chairman of the Professional Section of the Congress, and to form a Committee of experts to assist her in her arduous work. Nursing interests were well represented on the Committee as in addition to Mrs. Fenwick the following ladies had seats:—

Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Chairman of the Matrons' Council.

Miss Louisa Stevenson, Member of the Board of Management of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and

Miss M. Huxley, Lady Superintendent of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, all ladies who, in addition to their responsible work in the hospitals with which they are connected, are well known for their public work for the organization of the nursing profession.

THE DINNER.

On the evening of the day on which the Nursing Sessions were held, the Matrons' Council organized a Banquet to meet Mrs. May Wright Sewall, the President of the International Council of Women, and the Hon. Members of the Matrons' Council. Miss Isla Stewart received the guests and presided. Besides the guests of the evening, all the trained nurses from foreign countries present in London were invited, as well as other distinguished members of the Women's Congress, numbering in all nearly 100 ladies. The inspiration of the occasion will not soon be forgotten by those who were privileged to be present.

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

On the following day the Second Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council was held at

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