

sirous that our sick and wounded soldiers should receive the best modern nursing who will not approve of the suggestions for Army nursing reform which the Matrons' Council brought before the War Office. Mr. Holland cannot deny this; and that fact alone would place his attempted disparagement of the Matrons' Council quite out of court.

Mr. Holland now expresses his anxiety lest the forthcoming congress in America may regard the delegates of the Matrons' Council as representing the views of nurses who do not belong to that society. This is a very baseless fear, especially as the leading American nurses are fully acquainted with the obstructive attitude in regard to reforms adopted by certain London hospital authorities and their constant efforts to interfere with, to misinterpret, and, if possible, to deny the right of nurses to organize and cooperate amongst themselves for professional and personal purposes.

And Mr. Holland omits to inform your readers that the Matrons' Council is only one out of 40 organizations in this country which have received official invitations from the American committee to send delegates to the Congress. Amongst those institutions are the training schools attached to all the large general hospitals, including the London Hospital, of which Mr. Holland is chairman. I would ask him, therefore, whether the nurses of that hospital have been informed of the invitation sent to them. If they have accepted the invitation, their delegate will, of course, represent their opinions on nursing questions. But if the invitation has been withheld from them, and the London Hospital is wilfully unrepresented at the Congress, Mr. Holland must certainly take the responsibility for any misconception which may arise with regard to the opinions of that nursing school.

It is deeply to be regretted that, instead of using his position to inspire the nurses under his influence with a desire for much needed professional unity, Mr. Holland should attempt to arouse jealousy and to sow the seeds of dissension in the ranks of the nursing profession.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY, Hon. Secretary Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, formerly Matron of the Metropolitan Hospital.

46, York Street, Portman Square, W., April 12th.

A letter from Mr. Holland, asking for a list of the members of the Matrons' Council was then read by the Honorary Secretary. A unanimous and emphatic opinion was expressed, that, taking into consideration Mr. Holland's unwarrantable attitude towards the Council in having made public statements, which he was not in a position to substantiate, that his request should be refused, and it was carried unanimously "that Mr. Sydney Holland's letter be laid upon the table."

In this connection the members present expressed their determination to submit to no interference with their right to associate themselves together for professional purposes, or to subject

individual members to official intimidation by supplying their names to persons avowedly hostile to the aims and work of the Council.

BRITISH CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

In response to the official invitation received to participate in the British Congress on Tuberculosis by sending delegates, the following members, in addition to Miss Isla Stewart, the President, were appointed, subject to their consent to act.

Miss Beatrice Jones, Matron of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E., and Miss Helen Todd, Matron of the National Hospital for Consumption, Bournemouth. The adoption of the report was then put from the chair, and carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership of the Council were considered, and accepted from:—

Miss Eleanor C. Barton, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary.

Miss F. E. Marquardt, Matron of the Camberwell Infirmary.

Miss Helen L. Pearse, Superintendent of Nurses, North Staffordshire Infirmary and Eye Hospital.

Miss Tabitha A. Bodington, Matron, St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Plaistow.

Miss Evelyn Hurlbatt, Matron, Memorial Hospital, Kendal.

Miss Géorgina Kinnear Adams, Matron and Lady Superintendent, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow.

Miss Amy L. Burleigh, Matron, Melbourne Hospital, Victoria.

Miss Ellen Dougherty, Matron, Palmerston North Hospital, Wellington, New Zealand.

DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL NURSES' CONGRESS.

Mrs. Wates, Hon. Secretary of the Buffalo Subcommittee, then gave a report of the work. The Registered Nurses' Society had elected Miss Sophia Cartwright, a member of the Matrons' Council. The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital would meet next week to elect their delegate, and ladies in Scotland and Ireland had been interested in the Congress. Several other nursing societies were considering means whereby they might be represented. Miss McGahey, an Hon. Member of the Council, Australia, would attend the Congress, and had been invited to act as a Vice-President by the American Committee.

The next business before the meeting was the election of a delegate from the Matrons' Council to the International Nurses' Congress, at Buffalo. The Hon. Secretary reported that voting papers

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