

Department, superintended by an administrative nursing officer, the periodical inspection of the nursing departments of military hospitals, the appointment of junior sisters or staff nurses, the retiring age of sisters, and the placing of the Army Nursing Service Reserve under professional control, have all been embodied in the Committee's Report.

(The comparative table was taken as read, and directed to be placed upon the minutes.)

*International Unanimity on State Registration.*

It is a pleasurable duty to report that at the International Congress of Nurses, at Buffalo, upon the presentation of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's paper on the Organization and Registration of Nurses, a Resolution in favour of State Registration was proposed by the President of the Congress, Miss Isabel McIsaac, seconded by Miss Isla Stewart, our own President, supported by Mrs. Hampton Robb, first President of the National Associated Alumnae of the United States, Miss McGahey, Delegate for the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, and Miss Snively, Councillor of the International Council of Nurses, Canada, and passed unanimously with enthusiasm by upwards of 500 Delegates and Members of the International Congress. This is of great significance as showing the feeling of representative nurses in both hemispheres on this all important question.

*Resolution*

Whereas, The nursing of the sick is a matter closely affecting all classes of the community in every land;

Whereas, To be efficient workers, nurses should be carefully educated in the important duties which are now allotted to them;

Whereas, At the present time there is no generally accepted term or standard of training, nor system of education, nor examination for nurses in any country.

Whereas, There is no method, except in South Africa, of enabling the public to discriminate easily between trained nurses and ignorant persons who assume that title; and,

Whereas, This is a fruitful source of injury to the sick, and of discredit to the nursing profession, it is the opinion of this International Congress of Nurses, in general meeting assembled, that it is the duty of the nursing profession of every country to work for suitable legislative enactment regulating the education of nurses and protecting the interests of the public, by securing State examination and public registration with the proper penalties for enforcing the same.

*Legal Status for Nurses in New Zealand.*

It is also a pleasure to report that a Bill has just been passed by the Legislature of New Zealand conferring legal status upon the Nurses of that Colony and requiring all nurses in New Zealand after January 1902. to pass a State Examination before they are eligible for Registration, Foremost in working for this reform has been one of our own Hon. Members, Mrs. Grace Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals.

[The Hon. Secretary here stated that the Bill was on the table if the members present wished to read it.]

*The National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland.*

Miss Hay Forbes, who was appointed Delegate of this Council to the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women held in London in October has furnished an able and exhaustive report for presentation to the Council.

*The Part of Women in the National Organization of Education.*

An invitation was courteously sent by the Women's Local Government Society to the Matrons' Council to send a Delegate to a meeting convened at the time of the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, at the residence of Lady Frederick Cavendish to consider "The Part of Women in the National Organization of Education." Miss Hay Forbes, our delegate was unable to attend, but Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was present and has kindly undertaken to make a short report.

Since the last meeting of the Council the resignations of Miss Beachcroft (Councillor) Cliftonville, and Miss Parsons, Dudley, have been received.

The resignations were received with regret, and on the motion of the Chairman the Hon. Secretary was directed to write to Miss Beachcroft, one of the earliest members of the Council, to express the general sorrow felt that she thought well to resign "to make room for a better member."

*Correspondence.*

Letters of regret at inability to attend were reported from Miss Hannaford (London), Miss Barling (Kidderminster), Miss Rogers (Leicester), Miss Marquardt (Camberwell), Miss Richmond (Birmingham), Miss Mawe (Weston-super-Mare), Miss Shirley (Stoke-on-Trent), Miss Margaret Jones (Gore Farm Hospital, Dartford), Miss Bradshaw (Dublin), Miss Armstrong Dixon (Greenwich), Miss Pell Smith (Leicester).

Amongst the correspondence was a letter from Mrs. Groves, member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses (Bristol), on the subject of State Registration of Midwives and Nurses. A sub-committee was appointed to confer with Mrs. Groves and to consider a proposition made by her.

*Applications for Membership.*

Applications for membership were considered and accepted from—

Miss L. A. Morgan, Matron, Northern Hospital, Haverstock Hill.

Miss Christina A. Archibald, Superintendent of Nurses, Bolton Union Hospital, Farnworth.

Miss Eleanor Richardson, Matron, The Infirmary, Stockport,

Miss Elizabeth S. Tate, Matron, Ulster Hospital, Belfast.

Miss Jeannetta H. Milne, General Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania.

Miss Caroline J. Milne, Directress of Nurses, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Miss Annie McDowell, Matron and Superintendent of Nurses, Newton Hospital, Massachusetts.

Miss Mollett then presented her Report as Delegate of the Matrons' Council to the Inter-

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