

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that Miss Reynvaan, hon. member, Holland, had hoped to be present, but she wrote that the meeting had been summoned for the same day as the annual meeting of the Dutch Matrons' Council. As she was Secretary of the Council, and was taking the chair at its dinner, she greatly regretted she was unable to come over for the meeting of the British Matrons' Council, but hoped to do so on another occasion. Letters of regret and inability to attend were also received from Miss Sidney Browne, Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Rogers (Vice-Chairman, Leicester), Miss Marquardt (Camberwell), Miss Macintyre (Wigan), Miss Barling (Kidderminster), Miss Traiforos (Macclesfield), Miss Elma Smith (Hendon), Miss Mellor (London), Miss Archibald (Bolton), Miss Mawe (Weston-super-Mare), Miss Greenlaw (Newport), Miss Cutler (Twickenham), Miss Macvitie (Swanley), Miss Hay-Forbes (Seaton), Miss Hurlbatt (Kendal), and Miss Newman (Belfast).

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were then considered. The following have been appointed members of the Council:—

Miss Annie Thomas, Matron of the Park Hospital, Hither Green.

Miss Sibyl Biddulph Pinchard, Matron of the Children's Hospital, Paddington Green.

Miss M. F. May, Matron of the Infirmary, Bridgwater.

Miss Annis B. Todd, Matron of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.

Miss Elizabeth Keith, Matron of the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Florence Davis, Matron of the District Hospital, Walsall.

Miss Evelyn Tobin, Matron of the Hospital for Women, Liverpool.

Mrs. Marriner, Lady Superintendent, Nursing Institute, Sunderland.

Miss L. V. Houghton, Matron, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

Miss Constance Fullager, Matron, Mercer's Hospital, Dublin.

Miss H. E. Glover, Matron, St. Ives Private Hospital, Melbourne. (Hon. Secretary Victorian Nurses' Association.)

RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Miss E. J. Atkins was received with regret.

BRITISH GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A letter was then read and considered from the British Gynæcological Society, and, in accordance with the request of the Society, a sub-committee was appointed to deal with its proposal.

A PROFESSIONAL POINT.

In connection with the organisation of nursing

in nursing homes, Mrs. Gray here asked the advice of the Council on a professional point with regard to the limitation of the duties performed by female nurses for male patients. It was generally felt that while no nurse should hesitate to perform any office for a patient which was really necessary, in the case of nursing homes the office referred to should be relegated to a male nurse.

THE DUTCH MATRONS' COUNCIL.

A telegram was here received by the Hon. Secretary from Miss J. P. Reynvaan, hon. member, Amsterdam, conveying "most hearty greetings" from the Dutch Matrons' Council then in session.

RESOLUTION.

The next business on the Agenda was to consider the following resolution:—

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland desires to convey to Miss Agnes S. Brennan, hon. member, its appreciation of her services to the nursing profession during the twenty-two years she has held the position of Superintendent of the New York Training School for Nurses, at the great Bellevue Hospital, New York, and takes this opportunity of expressing the hope that her profession may still benefit by her valuable work on its behalf."

The President said she would like to propose this resolution from the chair. Miss Brennan had held a most responsible and difficult post as head of this great hospital in New York—difficult because the question of politics entered into its management, and, with a change of Government, the male officials went out of office. Its management was further complicated because the male wards were nursed by male nurses, over whom the superintendent of the New York Training School had no control. Notwithstanding these difficulties, Miss Brennan had for nearly a quarter of a century discharged the duties of her office with distinction. Miss Stewart went on to say that last year when she visited America nothing could exceed Miss Brennan's kindness and courtesy to herself and other delegates.

The Hon. Secretary then read letters from Miss Julian (Croydon), Miss Marquardt (Camberwell), and Miss Mawe (Weston-super-Mare) supporting the resolution. Miss Mawe wrote:—

"I sincerely endorse the sentiment expressed to Miss Agnes S. Brennan, having inspected the Bellevue Hospital some ten years ago in New York. I remember how impressed I was with its excellence and up-to-date arrangements. I was most courteously received, and have put many valuable ideas I gathered there into practice."

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The question was then discussed as to the best form of showing hospitality to some distinguished members of the Matrons' Council, and a sub-committee was formed to deal with the question.

The meeting then terminated.

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