

The Matrons' Council.



The annual meeting of the Matrons' Council was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss Isla Stewart, President, was in the chair. There was a good and interested attendance of members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary reported communications of regret at inability to attend from Miss Sidney Browne, Matron-in-Chief of Queen

Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Gertrude Payne (Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street), Miss Archibald (Bolton), Miss Barling (Kidderminster), Miss Buckingham (Rotherham), Miss Clark (Southport), Miss Cartwright (Brighton), Miss Cutler (Much Wenlock), Miss Hay Forbes (Bath), Miss Mellor (Lancaster), Miss Plum (Folkestone), Miss Richardson (Stockport), Miss Lucy Smith (Coventry), Miss Greenlaw (Newport), Miss Bradshaw (Dublin), Miss Haughton (Dublin), Miss Newman (Belfast), Miss Hayes (Omagh).

Miss Breay also reported that Miss Brennan had written expressing her thanks for the resolution sent to her by the last meeting of the Matrons' Council, in the following terms:—

"Please convey to the Matrons' Council my appreciation of the very kind resolution passed at the last meeting. It has given me great pleasure."

ANNUAL REPORT.

The next business on the agenda was to consider the annual report.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1902.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the past year applications for membership from the following twenty-one Matrons have been considered and accepted:—

Miss Mulvany, Matron, the Infirmary, Bolton.

Mrs. Lockett, Matron, the Isolation Hospital, Wimbledon.

Miss Bushby, Lady Superintendent, North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

Miss Ballantyne, Matron, New Infirmary, Southampton.

Miss Meldrum, Matron, Eston Hospital Middlesbrough.

Miss Florence Frost, Matron, St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.

Miss J. A. Smith, Matron, the Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames.

Miss Winifred Plum, Matron, the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone.

Miss M. A. Buckingham, Matron, the Hospital, Rotherham.

Miss Alice Clark, Matron, the Infirmary, Southport.

Miss Thomas, Matron, Park Hospital, Hither Green.

Miss S. B. Pinchard, Matron, Children's Hospital, Paddington Green.

Miss May, Matron, the Infirmary, Bridgwater.

Miss A. B. Todd, Matron, West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.

Miss Elizth Keith, General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Florence Davis, District Hospital, Walsall.

Miss Evelyn Tobin, Hospital for Women, Liverpool.

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

Miss Haughton, Matron, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

Miss Constance Fullagar, Matron, Mercers' Hospital, Dublin.

Miss H. E. Glover, Matron, St. Ives Private Hospital, Melbourne.

RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Miss Ethel Atkins has been received with regret during the past year.

The Executive Committee also authorised the removal from the Roll of the names of those members who had ceased to communicate with the Council.

THE PASSING BELL.

The Council has also to record the loss by death of Miss Mary Shirley, Lady Superintendent of the Staffordshire Nursing Institution, Stoke-on-Trent, and one of the original members, who, until the day of her death, was in keen sympathy with its work.

RETIRING OFFICERS.

The thanks of the Council are due to Miss Mollett, whose term of office as Vice-Chairman expires this year, and who has rendered most valuable services in this connection; also to Miss Hay Forbes, Miss Foley, Miss M. G. Smith, Miss Macintyre, and Miss Moore, the retiring members of the Executive Committee.

THE MIDWIVES' BILL.

The Council, which communicated with various medical and public bodies in relation to the Midwives' Bill when it was before Parliament, as well as with Mr. Heywood Johnstone, M.P., who took an active part in promoting it, has pleasure in expressing its indebtedness to Mr. Heywood Johnstone for the courtesy with which he treated its communications with regard to the Bill, and for the

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