

Barling (Kidderminster), Miss E. Richardson (Stockport), Miss Pell Smith (Leicester), Miss Archibald (Bolton), Miss E. Mellor (Lancaster), Miss Winifred Plum (Folkestone), Miss Greenlaw (Newport).

A letter was also read and considered from the Secretary of the National Union of Women Workers, also letters from Miss Shipley and Miss Julian members of the Council.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were then considered, and the following ladies elected:—

Miss E. A. Wilkinson, Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Miss C. C. Trafford, Matron, City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

Miss Emilie M. Waind, Superintendent of Trained Nurses' Association, Galen House, Guildford.

Miss C. A. Nicolson, Matron, Government Hospital, Barberton, Transvaal, Hon. Serving Sister of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Miss M. E. O'Connor, Matron, Napier Hospital, New Zealand, registered under the New Zealand Act, and a member of the Australasian Matrons' Council.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were then considered:—

1. "That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland begs to express to the editor of the *British Medical Journal* its appreciation of his courtesy in affording so much valuable space to the discussion of the important question of the organisation of nursing, and begs to support the opinions of those correspondents who consider that Registration of Trained Nurses by the State is the only means whereby effective organisation of their work, and professional discipline, can be obtained."

This resolution was carried *nem. con.*

2. "That as the International Council of Women meets in Congress in Berlin in the second week in June, 1904, when facilities will be given for a Conference on Nursing, and as the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses will take place during the same week, it is desirable that the Matrons' Council, instead of holding a Conference in London in May, should meet together to confer on questions of interest during the coming winter."

This was agreed to.

THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

In relation to the Congress of the International Council of Women in Berlin, Miss Mollett announced that on inquiry at Messrs. Cook's Agency she found that if a party of twenty were guaranteed, which she thought could easily be done, the cost, including travelling expenses (first class on the boat and second in the train), and board and lodging for a period of ten days, could be arranged for the sum of £7 18s. 6d.

Miss Mollett further kindly intimated her readiness to organise a party and make the neces-

sary arrangements, and it was agreed that members of the Council desirous of visiting Berlin in June, 1904, should be advised to communicate with Miss Mollett (Matron, Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, Southampton). Miss Mollett also pointed out that accredited members of Nurses' Leagues, individual nurses, and their friends could join the party if desired. It will probably be timed to arrive in Berlin not later than June 7th. It was agreed to send details of the scheme to the **BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING** and the various League Journals.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

In connection with the meetings of the Council during the winter to confer on questions of interest, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick suggested that "The Twentieth Century Matron" and "The Civic Rights of Women" might be two of the subjects discussed, and that the meetings should take the form of social gatherings at different hospitals by invitation. The President, Miss Isla Stewart, suggested "The Necessary Curriculum of Nurses' Education" as a desirable subject for discussion, which was agreed to. She also expressed her willingness to receive the members on the evening of November 28th, and to address them on the subject of "The Twentieth Century Matron."

A letter from Miss Annie Leigh Browne, Hon. Secretary of the Women's Local Government Society, was reported, stating that Mrs. Stanbury was willing, in connection with the Society, to address meetings and meet committees in and near London. It was agreed to invite Mrs. Stanbury to address the Matrons' Council on the subject of "The Civic Rights of Women," and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to communicate with her on the question?

A NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE SISTERS WHO DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Other business was then discussed, in the course of which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said that she supposed all present had read Mr. Rudyard Kipling's fine tribute to the Nursing Sisters who fell at the post of duty in the war—"The Dirge of Dead Sisters." She pointed out that in the United States the national character of the work of the Spanish-American War Nurses had been recognised by Congress setting apart for their burial a site in the beautiful cemetery at Arlington, near Washington, where 16,000 soldiers of the United States Army are laid to rest, whose names are inscribed in the Roll of Honour, kept by the War Department, of 250,000 deceased soldiers who have died in the service of their country. The Order of Spanish-American War Nurses have charged themselves with the duty of arranging for the erection of a monument to their deceased comrades. She thought the British Nation would welcome an opportunity of commemorating our own Nursing Sisters who died at the post of duty in South Africa. As no other body had come forward to fulfil this national duty she pro-

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