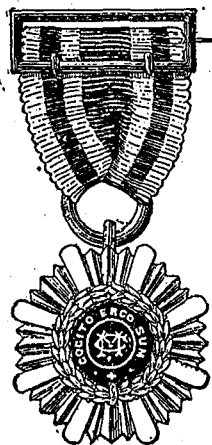


The Matrons' Council.



A Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, June 23rd. The President, Miss Isla Stewart, presided, and there was a good attendance of members.

REPORT.

The minutes of previous meetings having been confirmed, the Hon. Secretary presented the Annual Report and Financial Statement. The latter showed a balance in hand on December 31st of £15 17s. 3d., and at the present date of £16 17s.

The Report, with one omission, was adopted.

The Report for 1905 dealt with the address given by Miss Amy Hughes on County Nursing Associations. The action taken by the Council in relation to the application for the Incorporation of the Incorporated Society for Promoting the Higher Education and Training of Nurses to the Board of Trade, and the evidence given by members before the Select Committee on Nursing, all of which matters have already been fully dealt with in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

The Report was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were announced from Miss Barton (Chelsea), Miss Purvis (Middlesborough), Miss Richmond (Birmingham), Miss Kinnear Adams (Glasgow), Miss Wingfield (Macclesfield), Miss Maud Moore (Nottingham), Miss Hurlbatt (Bath), Miss Newman (Belfast), Miss Flood Jones (Witham), Miss Barling (Kidderminster), Mrs. Okell, Mrs. Bridges (Brighton), Miss Greenlaw (Newport).

Other letters were then dealt with, including those from the Board of Trade, one from Sister Agnes Karl, President of the German Nurses' Association, expressing her pleasure at her appointment as an Hon. Member of the Matrons' Council; and one from the Secretary of the National Union of Women Workers, expressing its sincere thanks to the Council for "their generous response to the appeal for additional financial support."

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were considered and accepted from—

Miss M. E. Satchwell, Matron of the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert, N.B.

Miss E. Maude Halliwell, Matron of the Hospital for Women, Liverpool.

Miss Edla R. Wortabet, formerly Lady Superintendent of the Hospital, Beyrout, Syria.

Miss Annie E. Parnaby, Matron, Nursing Home and Institute, Surbiton.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

It was decided to ask Miss Richmond, Matron of the Hospital for Women, Birmingham, to serve on the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, as representing the Matrons' Council, at its annual meeting, to be held in Birmingham on Tuesday, October 24th, and Wednesday, October 25th.

RESOLUTION.

The next business on the Agenda was the consideration of the following Resolution:—

"That the thanks of the Matrons' Council be accorded to the Editor of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* for the service rendered by that journal to the nurses of the United Kingdom by the publication of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Incorporated Society for Promoting the Higher Education and Training of Nurses."

Miss Stewart said that had it not been for the fact that Mrs. Fenwick had printed the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Society in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, the nursing world would never have known of the danger which threatened it.

Miss Todd, in proposing the Resolution, said that when the history of nursing in this country came to be written, it would be realised what service Mrs. Fenwick had rendered to the nursing profession by this action. The chapter which contained the amazing history of the famous seven would be alone sufficient to justify the existence of *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, and to prove its value to nurses in upholding the dignity of the nursing profession. They needed an organ like *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, which could be neither bought, bribed, nor intimidated. She had much pleasure in proposing the Resolution.

This was seconded by Miss Butler, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fenwick, in thanking the meeting, said that directly publicity was given in the Journal to the proposals of the Financiers, nurses all over the kingdom, in England, Scotland, and Ireland rose in protest.

The only thing that had saved the nursing profession in the present instance from having this scheme thrust upon them was publicity. In thanking those present for the resolution they had just passed, Mrs. Fenwick said she was glad to find they realised the value of an organ controlled by nurses. The business meeting then terminated, and the members adjourned for tea and coffee, after which Miss Todd read the paper announced on "The Affiliation of the Smaller and Special Hospitals for Training Purposes."*

MARGARET BREAY,
Hon. Secretary.

* We hope to publish this paper in an early issue.

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