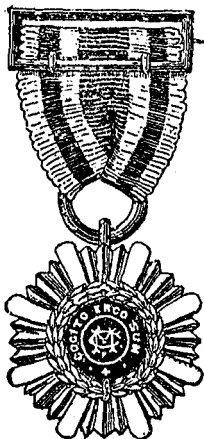


The Matrons' Council.



A meeting of the Matrons' Council was held, by the courtesy of the Governors, at the Royal County Hospital, Winchester, on Wednesday, July 5th, at 4 p.m.

Miss Annie Damer, from U.S.A., and Fräulein Margarete Ziehe, from Zürich, were present at the meeting as guests. The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Spencer, was in the chair.

Mrs. Spencer opened with a short address, in which she voiced the deep

regret of the meeting at the accident which prevented Miss Heather-Bigg, the President, from attending.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Miss Heather-Bigg, President, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Barling, Miss Barton, Miss Bradley, Mrs. Bridges, Miss Cutler, Miss du Sautoy, Miss Hay Forbes, Miss Hannaford, Miss Morgan, Miss Musson, Miss Pearse, Miss Richardson, Miss Rogers, Miss Row, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Winmill, Miss Wright, and others. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League acknowledging the letter of thanks from the Matrons' Council, and stating that it had given the members of the League great pleasure to entertain the Matrons' Council.

The Secretary also read a letter from the Central Bureau for the Employment of Women, asking the Matrons' Council to appoint a representative on their Association.

The Secretary stated that she had referred the letter to the President, and, acting on her instructions, had written to decline the appointment of a representative from the Matrons' Council. On the advice of Mrs. Fenwick the Council confirmed the President's action, as it is affiliated to the National Council of Women, together with the Bureau for the Employment of Women, and the Matrons were too busy to attend more committees.

Two letters were then read from the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, asking for a full account of the work of the Matrons' Council, and for the name of a representative to serve on the National Council at its meeting in Glasgow in October.

It was suggested by Mrs. Fenwick, put to the meeting, and unanimously agreed, to ask Miss Wright, Matron of Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, to represent the Matrons' Council.

Other correspondence was then dealt with.

NEW MEMBERS.

Applications for membership were then read, and the following ladies were elected members of the council:—

Miss Winifred M. Bickham, Essex County Hospital, Colchester.

Miss S. A. Brown, West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.

Miss Agnes Bryant, Children's Convalescent Home, West Kirby.

Miss Edith Holden, Richmond, Whitworth, and Hardwicke Hospitals, Dublin.

Miss Margaret J. Hughes, The Infirmary, St. George's-in-the-East.

Miss Katherine M. Mackenzie, Dunedin Hospital and Allied Institutions, New Zealand.

Miss Evelyn M. Montgomery, College Sanatorium, Winchester.

Miss Emily M. Northover, Hammersmith Infirmary, Ducane Road, London, W.

Miss Annie M. Peel, Victoria Hospital, Blackpool.

Miss Ethel Sussex Reynolds, "St. Ives" Nursing Home, Vale Street, East Melbourne, Victoria.

Miss Clara Shields, Isolation Hospital, Melton Mowbray.

Miss E. A. Sordy, West Ham and Eastern General Hospital, Stratford, E.

Miss Margaret Ethel Wilkes, Hospital for Incurables, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Miss E. Youlden, The Infirmary, Isleworth, W.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The resignation of Miss Gough, Matron of the Surbiton Cottage Hospital, was received with regret.

Miss Musson's resolution to insert the words "in rotation" after "annually" in By-law 8 was, in her absence, proposed from the chair, and seconded by Miss C. Lee.

The senior Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Cureton, Miss Knight, and Miss Huxley, who retired automatically, were proposed for re-election by Miss Carpenter-Turner, seconded by Miss Waind, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the authorities of the Hospital, and Miss Turner, for their kindness and hospitality.

The Sisters and Nurses of the Hospital attended the open meeting that followed when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick gave a most convincing and interesting address on the Inter-

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