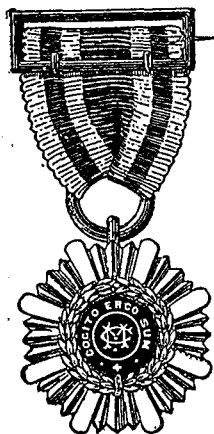


THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



The Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Saturday, May 1st. There was a large attendance of members. Miss M. Heather-Bigg, the President, wrote to express her very great regret at not being able to be present. The chair was taken by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, senior Vice-President.

CORRESPONDENCE.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. E. Hulme, read many letters of regret at inability to attend from members.

Miss Gertrude Knight, Matron General Hospital, Nottingham, and Miss Mary N. Cureton, the retiring Vice-Presidents, wrote that they would always take the warmest interest in the work of the Council, and Miss Cureton also wrote:—"You must not think I lose interest by being absent; that I shall never do as long as I live; mercifully we have our JOURNAL." Miss Adelaide Row wrote expressing her sincere thanks to the Council for their kind expression of regret at her retirement, and wishing that she could have been a more useful member.

The Hon. Treasurer also read a letter from Miss Maclean, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Registrar of Nurses in New Zealand, informing the Council, of which she is a member, that she was coming to England as Principal Matron of the New Zealand contingent of Army nurses, and hoped to have the opportunity of attending some of its meetings. The wish was cordially reciprocated, and much pleasure was expressed that the Council would thus meet so distinguished a member, who has done so much to maintain nursing standards in New Zealand.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

A letter was also read from Miss Norah E. Green, Secretary of the National Union of Women Workers, intimating that the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland would be held in London on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5th and 6th, and would be followed by a

one-day Conference on Thursday, October 7th. Also that the Matrons' Council was entitled to appoint a delegate to serve on the National Council for the ensuing year. Three alternative members were nominated: Miss Musson, Miss Mollett, and Miss H. L. Pearse. The Council also unanimously decided to support the resolution to be proposed on behalf of the Legislation Sectional Committee of the N.U.W.W., reaffirming its resolution of October 14th, 1908, in support of the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and further, in view of the majority in favour of the Nurses' Registration Bill on its first reading in the House of Commons in 1914, that the Prime Minister be respectfully urged to grant facilities for a similar Bill next year.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for admission as members were received from:—

Miss Milicent Acton, Matron Lewisham Infirmary and Acting Matron 1st London General Hospital T.F.N.S., St. Gabriel's College, Camberwell.

Miss Jessie H. Balsillie, Matron of the Park Fever Hospital, M.A.B., Hither Green.

Miss Margaret Burrows, Matron of the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, W.

All were unanimously elected, and welcomed to membership with much pleasure.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONGRESS.

It was arranged, on the proposition of the Chairman, to send a message of greeting to the International Nursing Congress to be held in San Francisco from June 20th-26th. Mrs. Fenwick explained that although, unfortunately, only the business meeting of the International Council of Nurses would now be held, instead of the Congress to which so many European nurses had been looking forward, yet the three great American Societies of Nurses would meet there, *i.e.*, the American Nurses' Association, the National League of Nursing Education (formerly the Superintendents' Society), and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. Miss Hulme (Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council), with Miss Beatrice Kent, hoped to attend, and would take the greetings of the Council if thought desirable. It was unanimously agreed to adopt this suggestion, and to ask Miss Mollett, in co-operation with the Hon. Officers, to draft a suitable message.

The business meeting then terminated, but before tea was served, the members had the pleasure of being introduced to Miss Ethel Gray, Matron in the Australian Army Nursing

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