

MISS MELROSE (Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow), also supported it.

DR. WALTER GRIFFITH ASKS A PERTINENT QUESTION.

DR. WALTER GRIFFITH enquired whether, by agreeing to the amalgamation, the members were considered to agree to the Supplemental Charter.

The Chairman said it was open to anybody to send objections to the Executive or to the Privy Council.

Dr. Griffith said the new body proposed to take power to register all kinds of nurses. What would be its relationship to the Central Midwives Board? Again, was it proposed that the new body should have the education of nurses in hand with powers comparable to those of the General Medical Council and the Central Midwives Board?

The Chairman said he apprehended that the Council of the College would never interfere with the powers of the Central Midwives Board. The College of Nursing could not enforce any standard until it obtained the necessary power. Presumably, it would take as much power as it could get.

Dr. Griffith said the answer was not as clear a reply to his question as he would have liked to have. Was it possible that they wanted power for the government of the nursing profession put into the hands of the Council of the College? Would not the body entrusted with those powers be appointed in the same way as the General Medical Council and the Central Midwives Board? (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman said that such a body would have to be appointed by Act of Parliament.

MR. COMYNS BERKELEY expressed the opinion that the amalgamation was of vital importance to the interests of the Association; and would bring in the most important Matrons in England and Scotland, and, they hoped later, in Ireland.

The resolution was then put from the Chair and carried *nemine contradicente*, the feeling evidently being strongly in favour of amalgamation.

The Chairman then said he had omitted to read sooner a message from H.R.H. Princess Christian, who wrote that she had come to the definite conclusion that fusion of the two bodies could and would be of great advantage both to the nursing profession at large and the public generally. As regarded themselves it would bring them an acquisition of strength, and widen their sphere of influence.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Chair and the Hon. Officers, and to Miss Macdonald, the Secretary, whose work for the Association was evidently deeply appreciated by the members present.

The Proposed Scheme of Amalgamation and the new Bye-Laws were not discussed, nor was the nature of the written compact between the Hon. Officers of the two bodies disclosed.

MEETING AT LEEDS.

A Meeting to further the College of Nursing was held at the Philosophical Hall at Leeds, on the 19th inst. Alderman Lupton, Chairman of the Leeds General Infirmary, presided; and Mr. Arthur Stanley, M.P., and Miss S. Swift attended. The former announced, with much gratification the "amalgamation of the R.B.N.A. with the College" and the discarding of the word "Limited." Miss Swift said it was very important there should be uniformity of qualification secured by uniformity of curriculum and a single portal examination. In reply to a question, she announced that there would be a supplementary register of nurses who had devoted themselves to work amongst children!

In seconding a vote of thanks, Lt.-Col. Littlewood suggested that Mr. Stanley might well be one of the first "Fellows" of the College of Nursing.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre of the Hospital on Saturday last. The President, Miss Cox-Davies, R.R.C., was in the chair, and was supported on the platform by Miss Cutler, General Secretary, and Mrs. Turnbull, Hon. Treasurer.

When the minutes had been read and confirmed, the President said that there was a general wish that the outgoing Treasurer, Mrs. Shuter, should have some small keepsake to commemorate her term of office, and, on behalf of the League, asked Mrs. Shuter's acceptance of a silver purse, suitably inscribed, and engraved with the Bart's coat of arms, and Mrs. Shuter, in accepting the gift, thanked the League for recognising her services in so unexpected and charming a way. Her work as Hon. Treasurer had, she said, been a great pleasure, but there was a good deal of hard work, and the new Treasurer would have her hands full.

Miss Cox-Davies then stated that, owing to the increased cost of production, it had been found necessary to make certain alterations in the *League News* during the period of the war. She also reported that Mrs. Wakeling (Hunter) a gold medallist of the hospital, had been appointed an Hon. Serving Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Mrs. Wakeling has worked for the Joint War Committee both at St. John's Gate and also at 83, Pall Mall as a selecting Matron.

In the absence of Miss Hale, who was prevented by her professional duties from being present, Miss Le Geyt read the paper prepared by her on the work of the Women's Hospital Corps. She referred

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