

of sympathy, expressing their hope for the speedy recovery of her husband, was sent by the members to Mrs. Porter.

A letter to the President from the Honble. Sir Arthur Stanley was then read and considered. Sir Arthur asked for the following information: (1) The names of the Matrons constituting the Council; (2) the number of Matrons belonging to the Association; and (3) the qualification for membership.

The Chairman gave a brief review of the history of the Council, the leading part it had taken in the past in the promotion of State Registration, and the opposition to which it had been subjected on this account, including attacks upon it in the public press, and in the House of Lords when the Nurses' Registration Bill was under discussion in 1908, when an endeavour, which failed, was made to remove the name of the Council from the Bill, and to deprive it of direct representation on the Preliminary Council set up under the Act.

It was agreed that a reply should be sent to Sir Arthur Stanley in the form of the following Resolution:—

RESOLUTION.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland having in the past been subjected to attacks in the Press, and individual members coerced to resign, by hospital chairmen and officials, must respectfully decline to issue a list of members.

The Council instructs the Hon. Secretary to supply the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley with a copy of the By-laws, incorporating the objects of the Council.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were received from Miss Margaret C. Macdonald, R.R.C., Canadian Army Nursing Service, Matron-in-Chief, Canadian Contingents, 1914, and Miss Margaret K. Steele, Matron County County Hospital, York. Both were elected, and welcomed to membership with much pleasure.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A letter was then read from the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a copy of the Proposals drafted at a Conference between Members of the Executive Committee of the Association, and Delegates of the Organized Societies of Nurses, as adopted by the General Council of the R.B.N.A. On two of these proposals the Matrons' Council was invited to take action.

(1) That, on the invitation of the R.B.N.A., a Consultative Committee be formed, composed of representatives of the various organized Societies of Nurses.

(2) That organized Societies of Nurses be invited to affiliate with the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Both proposals were unanimously agreed to, and the President was nominated to represent the Council. A Leaflet, which the R.B.N.A. proposes to issue, was also approved.

REVISION OF BY-LAW.

The By-Law fixing the Annual Subscription at 5s. was revised, and 2s. 6d. is in future to be the subscription for country members.



MISS MARGARET CLOTILDE MACDONALD, R.R.C.,
Matron-in-Chief, Canadian Contingents, 1914.

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