

Correspondence.

The Correspondence included :—

LETTER FROM THE TOWN CLERK OF MARYLEBONE.

1. A letter from the Town Clerk of Marylebone expressing his thanks for the letter sent by direction of the last meeting of the Council thanking him and his department for the assistance rendered at the recent election.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

2. A letter from the Minister of Health stating that he had approved the addition of a sixth member to the General Purposes Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN said he had accordingly communicated with the member of the Council who was sixth in the ballot.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

3. A letter from the Duke of Devonshire conveying to the Council the great appreciation of the authorities in New Zealand at the act of the Council in establishing reciprocal relations with that Dominion.

THE CHAIRMAN remarked that the system of Registration of Nurses in New Zealand was not exactly on all fours with that in this country, and that he had pointed out that some of the nurses on the New Zealand Register must be placed on the Supplementary parts of the Register in this country.

LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

4. A letter from the London Centre of the College of Nursing, Ltd., strongly urging the General Nursing Council to consider the proposal of the College to admit to the State Register as "Existing Nurses" any who can show that they possess adequate knowledge and experience, however acquired.

LETTER FROM THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

5. A letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, enclosing the following Resolution :—

RESOLUTION.

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland protests against the unnecessary expense incurred by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and the waste of the nurses' money occasioned, in consequence of the mismanagement of the first Election of Direct Representatives to serve on the Council, as well as against the additional expense and work imposed upon the Independent Candidates, who had to circularise the electorate a second time owing to the quashing of the first Election."

Report of Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Report and moved that it be received.

The Committee has met once—on March 8th, 1923 :—

I. To report that Sir T. Jenner Verrall was elected Chairman of the Committee.

II. To recommend—

"That the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved."

III. To recommend—

"That £5,000 be invested, of which £3,000 be put on permanent investment, and £2,000 in War Loan."

IV. To recommend—

"That to meet the present rate of expenditure for stamps the amount authorised for the ensuing month should be £200."

V. To recommend—

"That the limit of the balance be kept at the London, Joint City and Midland Bank be raised to £1,000."

VI. To report that the total Election Expenses were £766 15s. 5½d. That of this amount the net cost of the issue of papers for the second Ballot including printing, addressing, postage and the estimated cost of time employed by the clerks in filling and stamping, less the amount contributed by the addressing firm was £124 8s. 0½d.

VII. To report that the Committee raises no objection to the recommendations of the Registration Committee, General Purposes Committee, and Education and Examination Committee.

VIII. To recommend—

"That a special Examination Officer be appointed; that a salary of £400 a year be offered, together with travelling expenses, and that the Committee be empowered to advertise to obtain candidates."

IX. To report that the Finance Committee proposes to take into consideration the salaries of the Assistant Registrar and the Registration Clerk.

X. To report that the Chairman of Council raised the question of printing the Minutes of Council instead of the present plan of typing them. Estimates to be obtained and submitted to the Council for their decision on the whole matter.

XI. To recommend—

"That the advice of Messrs. Butler & Tanner on the price to be charged for the Register, viz., 10s. 6d., be accepted."

SELF GOVERNMENT BY THE NURSING PROFESSION.

MISS DU SAUTOY said she wished to speak on Item I and to say she felt strongly that, as a matter of principle, the Chairmen of Committees of the General Nursing Council should be Registered Nurses. There were four women nurses present at the first meeting of the Finance Committee —

THE CHAIRMAN said the motion before the meeting was that the Report be received. If Miss du Sautoy wished to discuss this item she could only do it by moving that the Report be not received.

MISS DU SAUTOY thereupon moved that the Report be not received.

She then stated that at the first meeting of the Finance Committee, four women nurses were present, one male nurse, one medical man, and two lay members. The election of a chairman

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