

Miss Stott suggested that if Miss Holford was too busy or could not undertake it, Miss H. Maclean should be approached.

Miss Tennent proposed and Miss Bagley seconded: "That a short history of the Nurses' Memorial Fund be written by Miss Holford with Dr. Young's co-operation. Failing Miss Holford, that Miss H. Maclean be asked to take her place."

Miss Tennent remarked that most nurses were giving 2s. 6d. subscription annually to this fund, which was a great help. It was pointed out that the new branches had not been notified of this custom, and they were asked to send similar subscriptions to their Branch Secretary, who would forward them to Mrs. Bundle, Honorary Secretary, Nurses' Memorial Fund, 26 Tweed Street, Roslyn, Dunedin.

*Remit 3.—That the Matrons of Public Hospitals be asked for their co-operation in bringing before their nurses the desirability of becoming members of the Association.*

Miss Pengelly stated that although Matrons are very busy people, they can still be asked to do more, and they should be urged to do all in their power to interest their nurses in the Association and to induce them to become members. It was pointed out that not all the Matrons are members of the Association.

Miss Bagley suggested that all branches be asked to circularise the Matrons of Public Hospitals with the view to inducing them to become members of the Association, and to endeavour to interest the members of their staff and get them to join the Association. The Matrons should see that the nurses knew the origin of the Association, and bring before them the benefits they would receive as members.

Miss Pengelly: You cannot compel nurses to join the Association, but it could be suggested to Matrons that nurses looking for positions in hospitals should be asked if they are members, preference being given to applicants who are members. In this way nurses would soon see that unless they join they will

have less chance of work than members, and so they will be practically made to join.

Miss Bagley proposed, and it was seconded by Miss Buckley: "That the Secretaries of the local branches be asked to circularise the Matrons of their districts, with the object of their joining the Association and persuading their staff to join also."

Miss Kohn gave notice of motion that nurses, on completing their training, should automatically become members of the Association.

Exception was taken to the word automatically.

*Remit 4.—That maternity nurses who are registered on their training be eligible for membership of the Association.*

Miss Pengelly: There are now two classes of maternity nurses. We have to consider what is done in other countries and what effect the admission of maternity nurses to membership would have on our position as regards the International Council of Nurses. I see no reason why a fully trained maternity nurse should not be allowed to join the Association; in fact, I think it would be imposing a great hardship on this class of nurse if they are refused membership.

Miss Tennent said that in England midwifery nurses are not admitted as members. If we admit maternity nurses to the Association, would they be recognised outside of New Zealand, and what effect would such admission have on the question of reciprocity? The standard of midwifery training in New Zealand has been raised, and is now higher than that given in England or Australia.

Miss McRae proposed that Remit No. 4 be taken as read. This was seconded by Miss Kohn, who suggested maternity nurses could belong to an auxiliary section.

Miss Lambie: I suggest that the International Council of Nurses at Geneva be approached on the matter.

Miss Kohn: Meantime, could we not make them associate members of the Association?

Miss Buckley moved as an amendment, seconded by Mrs. Thompson: "That ma-