

ternity nurses be admitted as associate members of the Association until such time as the matter can be fully dealt with." This was carried.

Remit 5.—That all branches of the Association be asked to insist on all applications for membership being accompanied by a letter from the Matron of applicant's Training School or a satisfactory equivalent.

Mrs. Thompson stated that an application for membership had been refused, as it was unaccompanied by a letter from the Matron, the applicant being unable to obtain the said letter.

Miss Pengelly said in such a case a satisfactory equivalent was usually accepted.

It was agreed that this was the rule in most branches.

Miss Young proposed that Hawkes Bay Branch be informed that a satisfactory equivalent is accepted in place of Matron's letter when such is unobtainable.

Remit 6.—That Hospital Boards be asked to give registered nurses free treatment in Public Hospitals.

Miss Tennent: I do not consider the matter is one for this board to deal with.

Mrs. Kidd said that a charge was made in Auckland Hospital, but only on account of the auditor's inspection.

Miss Tennent: No person is compelled to pay who is unable to do so.

Mrs. Kidd: It is a matter which should be left to Hospital Boards to deal with, taking into consideration the merits of individual cases.

Miss Pengelly stated, on the whole nurses were generously treated by Hospital Boards, and in many cases granted a month of sick leave.

It was decided that this matter should be left to the generosity of the Hospital Boards.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

No. 1.—Re Subscriptions in Case of Transfer.

Miss Pengelly: The present arrangement of transfers is that if the fee is paid to her own branch a nurse may transfer to another branch and carry on for the current year.

The point was raised as to whether a further fee should be paid in case of transfer from one board to another.

Mrs. Kidd stated it was not usual to ask for any further fee in connection with transfer, provided mention was made on transfer paper of fees being paid up to date, i.e., until the end of the financial year, which was definitely fixed for all branches for the end of October.

Miss Pengelly said the fixing of one date for end of financial year for all branches had been done with a view to simplifying transfers. There was an enquiry from New Plymouth when a transfer was wanted for four months only (a member was taking Plunket training). What would happen about the fees in such a case?

A Member: They could transfer temporarily, provided they made application to the Branch.

The motion was proposed by Miss Bagley and seconded by Miss Stott: "That the Branches be asked to state the financial position of a member in the case of a transfer, and no additional fee to be asked for during the current year."

No. 2.—Re Adoption of Straight-out 12-hour Duty for Private Nurses.

Mrs. Kidd: In private nursing the actual 12-hour duty is not practical. It means a 12-hour day and night duty. We do not know at what hour a patient will be ill; there must be give and take; it must be an elastic arrangement.

Miss Lambie: It simply means two nurses must be employed, one for day, one for night. This will prevent many people being nursed in their own homes on account of the expense.

Miss Young: Or they will employ untrained nurses where they can get them at a cheaper rate.

Miss Pengelly: It is lowering the standard of nursing, bringing it down to the level of a waterside worker. We have a high standard to maintain. A nurse must use her own common sense in the treatment of individual cases. She cannot work all the time, and she should try to arrange for time off when most convenient. I do not consider the straight out 12-hour duty a practical suggestion.