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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

PROGRAMME of Ninth Annual Meeting, Detroit:

Monday, September 8.—Council Meeting at the Farrand Training-School.

Tuesday, 9th, 9 A.M. (one session).—Address of the president, Mrs. Gretter; reports of committees and officers; election of new members; papers on "Preparatory Teaching."

Wednesday, 10th, 9 A.M. (one session).—Class clinical teaching; papers on "Discipline;" examinations and markings.

Thursday, 11th, 9 A.M. (one session).—The progress of training-schools on the Pacific Slope; legislation for nurses; election of new officers; concluding business.

L. L. DOCK, Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENTS

THE date set for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Hospital Superintendents is October 14, 15, and 16. The head-quarters will be at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia. There are a number of other hotels at different rates in the immediate vicinity, where members can obtain comfortable accommodations.

The following excellent business programme has been arranged, and there is no doubt but that the papers and discussions will be of great benefit to all who attend.

The committees are made up of representative hospital superintendents of this country—gentlemen who have spent many years in the study of hospital problems.

The social features of the occasion, which are furnished visiting members without expense, will consist of a tally-ho ride through Fairmount Park, the Wissahickon Drive, and the Centennial Grounds, also reception and lunch at the Pennsylvania Hospital, which is the oldest hospital in the United States. The annual banquet will be held in the evening of October 15, and a theatre party on the evening of the 14th. It is also planned to have the members visit Inde-

pendence Hall, the United States Mint, the Cramp Shipyards, Baldwin Locomotive Works, and Girard College.

Free transportation will be furnished all members and their wives from Philadelphia to Atlantic City and return. These tickets will be available for use the day after the adjournment of the conference, and the return trip can be made at any time.

All who are interested in hospital work should plan now to attend this conference. The social and professional features are so great that no one can afford to miss them. Prominent Philadelphians will address the conference at the opening session.

PROGRAMME.

Topic 1—*The Relation of Politics to the Hospital.*—Committee: John Feherbatch, chairman, Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati, O.; William M. Geary, Philadelphia Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. E. J. Gilray, Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. Walter Lathrop, State Hospital, Hazleton, Pa.; Miss Elizabeth Lounsbury, Presbyterian Hospital, Cincinnati, O.; Dr. J. C. Biddle, State Hospital for Injured, Ashland, Pa.

Topic 2—*The Managers and the Superintendents.*—Committee: Dr. G. H. M. Rowe, chairman, Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Dr. H. B. Howard, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Charles O'Reilly, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Canada; A. T. Putnam, Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich.; James P. Woodward, McKeesport Hospital, McKeesport, Pa.; Miss H. Wisbert, Emergency Hospital, Warren, Pa.

Topic 3—*Hospital Reports and Records.*—Committee: James R. Lathrop, chairman, Roosevelt Hospital, New York, N. Y.; Dr. Henry M. Hurd, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; J. R. Coddington, General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J.; Miss M. P. Vaughan, Germantown Hospital, Germantown, Phila., Pa.; George T. Bailey, Jr., Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. George T. Stewart, Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Topic 4—*Dispensary Service.*—Committee: Dr. C. Irving Fisher, chairman, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, N. Y.; A. W. Shaw, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich.; L. C. Randall, Riverside Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Dorothy E. Skriver, Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa.; Dr. John M. Peters, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R. I.; S. L. Tatnan, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, N. Y.

Topic 5—*Hospital Construction.*—Committee: C. S. Howell, chairman, Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. Frank E. Baker, City Hospital, Newark, N. J.; George G. Sawyer, Baptist Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; L. W. Weigand, Eastern District Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. M. H. Laurence, Franklin County Hospital, Greenfield, Mass.

STATEMENT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

To the Nurses of New York State.

The Publication Committee of the New York State Nurses' Association, under instructions from the Executive Committee, issues the following statement to the nurses of the State who have not been able to attend the meetings during the past year.

The first general meeting, held in Albany, April 16, 1901, was announced

as widely as possible beforehand through the nursing journals, the public press, and by notices sent to training-schools and individual nurses so far as addresses could be obtained. At this first meeting Miss S. V. Nye, of Buffalo, was elected president, with Miss E. C. Sanford, of Rochester, secretary; and a constitution was adopted consisting only of the three articles required by the incorporation papers, viz.: the name, the objects, and the officers of the association. The by-laws were purposely left to a later meeting in order to give time for nurses to think well over the requirements for membership and that each step might be taken slowly and carefully.

The second meeting was held in New York, January 21, 1902. At this meeting the eligibility for membership was agreed upon, viz.: that graduates from all general hospitals giving a two-years' course, and graduates from any State hospital for the insane giving a course equal to that of the New York State hospitals for the insane should be eligible for membership. Nurses who were trained before 1897 are eligible who had only one-year's training. The size of the general hospital is not considered, and by general hospital is understood a hospital where general diseases are nursed.

The by-laws were not finished at this second meeting, but the association voted that incorporation papers should be obtained, and this was done before the third meeting.

The third meeting, which was also the annual meeting, was held in Albany, April 15, 1902. The by-laws were finished and formally adopted and new officers elected, the secretary remaining the same.

With the beginning of its second year, the work of organization being finished, the association is now in a position to take definite steps towards raising the standard of nursing in New York State.

It has always been understood that the work of a State society of nurses is to secure laws which will establish a uniform and definite basis for the practice of nursing, just as the State medical societies have had laws passed which regulate the practice of medicine, and although not stated in so many words in the constitution, one object of the New York State Nurses' Association, as stated at every meeting and in every announcement, is to work for legislation as a means of raising the standard.

What can legislation do for nurses? It can do this: it can prevent a probationer or pupil dismissed for unfitness from donning a uniform and calling herself a trained nurse, thus imposing upon the public and endangering the lives of sick people. True, it cannot prevent the public from employing such women if they choose, but it can prevent the public from being deceived. Such women must be known for what they really are, untaught and untrained women, and in this way they will be prevented from competing with the fully trained nurse who has given two or three years to the study of her profession. Then, little by little, and year by year, the law can require the training-schools to give better and more complete training. It can fix a "minimum" standard of teaching. This will be what we all agree upon as the least that any woman ought to know in order to call herself a trained nurse.

The New York State Nurses' Association is now taking the first step towards the passage of such a law. Its Legislative Committee is taking the advice of members of the Board of Regents towards forming a legislative act to this end, and now we call upon all nurses of New York State who care for their profession to give their help. What can they do?

First, they must be interested. So far the private-duty nurses, who are the

very ones who suffer most from bad conditions, have taken the least interest. We call upon them to inform themselves as to this movement. If they belong to alumnae associations or general nursing clubs, they should see that their society or club joins the State Association. If they do not belong to any society or club, they should join the State Association as individuals.

Next, they should talk of the importance of this movement to their patients, to the physicians with whom they work, and to their friends. They should explain the dangers to the sick, especially when the doctor is not near at hand, and the wrong to themselves of the present lax methods in nursing.

They must do all in their power to reach the politicians who will vote in the Legislature. They must interest all the people they know who have influence in reform movements, such as the members of women's clubs and those prominent in educational matters.

New members may be admitted at any regular meeting provided their application has been made two months previously, therefore nurses wishing to enter at the next meeting should write at once to the secretary, Miss E. C. Sanford, 149 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y., who will send them copies of the constitution with any information desired.

Private nurses, if they are interested, can be a great power in this movement through their personal influence with the people with whom they come in contact. We make this appeal to every nurse in the State to do her share in the uplifting of her profession.

SOPHIA F. PALMER,

LAVINIA L. DOCK,

FRANCES BLACK,

Committee on Publication and Press.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 20, 1902.

[Two thousand copies of the above circular are being mailed to nurses in New York State.—Ed.]

THE BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 3, the Boston City Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association held its annual meeting at the Riverside Recreation Club-House.

Very interesting reports of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae that has recently taken place in Chicago were received from the delegates.

The announcement that the next convention would be held in Boston was received with enthusiasm. Various methods were discussed in regard to enlisting all the graduates as members of the Alumnae Association. The members will receive notification of an additional meeting in January.

A warm tribute was paid to the value of *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* in keeping nurses informed in regard to all progressive movements in the nursing world. The chair was instructed to appoint a committee to confer with the Nurses' Alumnae Associations in Boston and vicinity in the matter of State registration for nurses.

The association endorsed the action of the Executive Committee in sending a remonstrance to the Committee on Ways and Means in regard to the proposed enactment regulating the hours of work of nurses and attendants in hospitals and asylums. The stand was taken that nurses are pupils receiving an educa-

tion or that they have a recognized calling or profession, and are not to be considered as laborers or followers of a trade.

After the business of the hour was over Miss Mary M. Riddle, the president for the last five years, vacated the chair for the incoming president, Miss Sara A. Bowen.

The secretary, Miss Elizabeth C. Fairbank, and the treasurer, Miss Alma C. Hogle, were retained in office.

A very delightful social hour, followed by refreshments, brought the annual meeting of 1902 to its close.

THE NEW JERSEY STATE NURSES

At the meeting of the Medical Society of New Jersey, held in Atlantic City, June 17, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the nurses of New Jersey in their efforts to establish a legally organized body, and endorsing the aims of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association.

E. FAHRINGER, Secretary.

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

THE bound volume of the Congress proceedings is now ready—price \$1.25—to be ordered from the secretary, Miss Maud Banfield, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

REGULAR MEETINGS

BUFFALO.—The regular annual meeting of the Erie County Hospital Alumnae Association was held in the parlors of the "Cottage," June 4, at three p.m., the president, Miss H. McKinnon, in the chair. The yearly reports were read and accepted. One new member, Miss Annie Foster, Class of 1901, was elected to membership. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Hughanna McKinnon; vice-president, Miss Ellen Mullet; secretary, Miss Emma Keating; treasurer, Miss Adele M. Swain; Executive Committee—Miss Marie Flickinger, Miss Laura Reid, Mrs. L. H. Pfeffer. A committee of three, consisting of Miss Keating, Miss McKinnon, and Mrs. Pfeffer, was appointed to work on the revision of the constitution and by-laws of the association. On motion of Mrs. Pfeffer, the meeting was resolved into a committee of the whole to discuss the revision, so that the committee might receive any suggestions the members might give. Miss Jennie M. Cox, the delegate appointed to attend the National Associated Alumnae meeting, held in Chicago in May, read an excellent and enthusiastic report of the meeting and took the occasion as a good time to impress upon all nurses how necessary she thought it was that each nurse should be a subscriber to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. At five o'clock the meeting adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in September.

ROCHESTER.—At the regular meeting of the Rochester City Alumnae, which was held July 8, only a few of the members were able to be present. The names of four applicants for membership were read and one resignation announced. The registrar's report was given, followed by Miss McLaren's report of the Convention of the Associated Alumnae.

BROOKLYN.—The Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Training-School, Brooklyn, held its regular quarterly meeting at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday, July 7, at four P.M. Five nurses were proposed for membership. After the business meeting the members enjoyed a social hour. The meeting adjourned to meet the first Monday in October.

MILWAUKEE.—A special meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Milwaukee County Training-School for Nurses was held at the Nurses' Home June 21, 1902. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. Patterson; first vice-president, Miss C. Kickhoefer; second vice-president, Miss B. Naustraust; treasurer, Miss E. D. Smith; secretary, Mrs. Maude Sullivan.

PATERSON, N. J.—The Alumnae Association of the Paterson General Hospital held its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 1902, at three o'clock. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Rosine Vreeland; first vice-president, Miss M. Sherwood; second vice-president, Miss A. McEwen; recording secretary, Miss Elsie Post; corresponding secretary, Miss Jean H. Cochran; treasurer, Miss F. Demarest. Refreshments were served in the nurses' sitting-room after the meeting had adjourned.

PERSONAL MENTION

MISS HALL, of the Meadville Hospital, Meadville, Pa., has accepted the position as substitute nurse in the Middletown District Nurse Association for the months of August and September. Miss Hall has just returned from an extended visit in California.

THE many friends of Miss Hamblet will be pleased to learn that she is convalescent and able to leave the hospital, where she has been under treatment for some weeks.

MARY GRACE HILLS, the assistant nurse of the Middletown District Nurses' Association, spent the month of August in the wilds of Maine, camping.

MISS M. G. MARKHAM has gone for a six-weeks' visit to friends in Canada.

MISS ROWE will spend September in Boston.

MARRIAGES

IN Austin, Ill., July 23, Miss Harriet L. Sonn, graduate of the Illinois Training-School, to Dr. Geoffrey J. Fleming. Dr. and Mrs. Fleming will be at home after October 1 at 441 South Park Avenue, Austin.

AT the home of her parents, in Goshen, Mass., Miss Edith Mary Dowkourt to the Rev. Peter H. J. Lerrige, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Lerrige go to the Philippine Islands.