

not have been convened, or held, if the Bye-laws had been decided on.

The Chairman put it to the Meeting that no discussion should be permitted, except on the objections raised by the Privy Council, and declared the motion carried.

Dr. Fenwick said that he entered a formal protest against discussion being thus stifled; but, turning to the objection raised by the Privy Council to the Bye-law *re* subscriptions, he pointed out that it was necessary for the Association to obtain as many subscriptions, and, therefore, to draw as many Matrons as possible into the Association. But the effect of the Bye-laws would, of course, be to strongly alienate the leading Matrons, and, therefore, to dissuade other Matrons and the best class of trained nurses from joining the Association. In other words, the breach of faith to which he had alluded would cause the Association irreparable harm, which was precisely the conclusion at which he would have arrived some minutes previously if he had not been interrupted by the Chairman. (Much laughter.) He considered the Chairman had once more committed a very grave error of judgment by suppressing discussion on this important matter, and he must take the responsibility for such unjust and partisan conduct in the Chair.

The Resolution was then put to the meeting and declared carried, with one dissentient (Dr. Fenwick). But, as a matter of fact, a large number of those present did not vote for the Resolution.

The Chairman then hastily declared the meeting concluded, and the customary votes of thanks to the Chairman and Her Royal Highness were forgotten.

Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States and Canada.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States and Canada held its Annual Meeting in the Industrial Building, Lexington Avenue and 43rd Street, New York City, April 27th, 28th, and 29th.

There were delegates present from a large number of training schools throughout the country. The meetings were well attended, and great interest was manifested by all present in the work of the Association.

The President, Mrs. Hunter Robb, of Cleveland, Ohio, gave an interesting address on the aims, methods and spirit of the Associated Alumnæ of Trained Nurses of the United States and Canada. Her clear, concise method of treating the subject in hand, together with her earnest devotion to the cause of nursing as manifested in her address, at once enlisted the interest and enthusiasm of all present.

Miss Katharine De Witt of the Illinois Training School Alumnæ Association of Chicago, presented a paper on the "Best means of Co-ordinating the work of the National Associated Alumnæ and its branches—State Organizations." A discussion of the subject by the Brooklyn Homœopathic Training School Alumnæ Association followed the

reading of this paper, and, as a result, committees were appointed to look after the matter of State or Sectional Organizations.

At the last meeting of the Convention, a paper on the "Duties and Opportunities of National and Local Associations," was read by Miss Pauline L. Dolliver, of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School Alumnæ, and discussed by Bellevue Alumnæ Association; also a paper on "Finance and Investment," by Mrs. W. C. Van Antwerp, of the New York Training School Alumnæ, giving practical suggestions to the nurses present as to ways and means of realizing the greatest benefit from their savings.

One of the subjects discussed was the advisability of admitting to membership in this Association, Alumnæ Associations of small general hospitals, giving two full years training in the hospital.

This would involve amending the Constitution, and as a preliminary step, amendments to the Constitution bearing upon this subject were proposed. No further action could be taken at present. The question of having permanent headquarters in New York City was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided that it would be for the best interests of the Association to have permanent headquarters in New York.

At the suggestion of the President the question of sending nurses to the war was entertained, and it was voted unanimously to send a message to the Secretary of War offering the services of this Association (which represents 2,000 nurses) to the Government in case of need.

The last business of the Convention was the election of officers for the coming year, as follows: President, Mrs. Hunter Robb, Cleveland, Ohio; First Vice-President, Miss Helena Barnard, Baltimore; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Hawley, Washington; Treasurer, Miss Tamar Healy, Brooklyn; Secretary, Miss Jean A. Hopkins, 146, East 30th Street, New York City.

A full report of the proceedings of the Convention will be issued in pamphlet form, and can be obtained by addressing the Secretary.

How to Attain Greater Uniformity in Ward Work.*

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But, much may be done by making uniform requirements before granting diplomas. Raise the standard by making examinations more thorough and possibly more difficult. Secure uniformity in technical teaching and ward work by requiring that pupil nurses in the different schools pass the same examination at the same time.

* Read before the American Society of Superintendents of Nurses at Toronto, February, 1898.

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