

**Nursing Organization.**

Now that the certificated nurses trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital have formed a professional League, and have thus set an example in this country which will, no doubt, inspire the members of other nursing schools to associate themselves for "mutual help and pleasure," the Seventh Annual Report of the Alumnae Association of the Johns Hopkins' Hospital, at Baltimore, affords most interesting reading, as showing the scope of a Nurses' League, and the good work it is possible to accomplish by its means.

The officers of the Johns Hopkins' Association are six in number—President, first and second Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, with five other ladies affiliated. This Committee is helped in its work by five Sub-Committees—the Membership Committee, the House Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Registry Committee, and the Publishing Committee, each one of which presents a general report at the Annual Meeting of members. We advise certificated nurses to carefully study the following Report:—

**ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS' HOSPITAL.**

THE Seventh Regular Meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the Assembly Room of the Hospital on Thursday, June 1st, 1899. Morning and afternoon sessions were held, as in previous years, with a good attendance at each.

Before speaking in detail of the work accomplished at the meeting, we would like to call the attention of the members to the first Article of our Constitution, wherein was stated by the organizers of our Association their hopes and aspirations for the future—"the promotion of unity and good feeling among the Alumnae; the advancement of the interests of the profession of nursing; providing a home for our members and making provision for them if sick and disabled."

The small band of nurses who formulated the Constitution, and by whom the Association was brought into vigorous existence, scarcely anticipated that in less than ten years almost all these hopes would be in a fair way towards actual fulfilment. Certainly the annual meeting of this year must have conveyed to all old members remembering their early struggles a very cheering sense of difficulties overcome, and an outlook for the future broader than even their most sanguine expectations could have supposed possible, while those who have entered into the Association when its organization was an accomplished fact

must also have felt pride in the work that has been done, and the work and possibilities cut out for the future.

To all absent members it will be a pleasure to learn that the meeting this year was of unusual interest. Not only were the reports for the year satisfactory, much practical work having been successfully accomplished, but much was brought before the members that betokened a widespread energy aroused in the profession generally concerning broader questions than those merely connected with the business workings of our own Association.

Since so many difficulties have been overcome—a home, in the shape of our club-house on North avenue, established with much thought and care for nurses living outside the Hospital; the Registry for private nurses on a most satisfactory working basis; the Benefit Fund for sick nurses in a very fair financial condition—the time is now at hand when it is incumbent upon us to concern ourselves with larger issues than those immediately connected with our own small body, and look towards the fulfilment of the opening clauses of the first Article of the Constitution, quoted before. Much has been accomplished, but much yet remains to be done.

**THE ARMY NURSING BILL.**

A report of the origin and purposes of this bill was given at the afternoon session by Miss Nevins, one of the committee for its promotion. The formation of the bill is due to the efforts of a number of influential women in New York and elsewhere, who during the period of the war were interested in various kinds of relief work for sick soldiers. Their work necessarily brought them in contact with army nursing, and they became cognizant of the fact that good work could only be done by the best people, and that under the existing conditions nursing was very far from being represented by its best and most capable members. Acting upon this knowledge, and with the help of well-known women in our own profession, they formulated the Army Nursing Bill, which has the warmest sanction and support of the medical profession, and is fortified by an Advisory Board of well-known men.

The provisions of the bill are:

*First*—The establishment of a nursing department in the army, including preparatory schools in time of peace.

*Second*—This body would also be available in other national emergencies beside war; such as famine, pestilence or disaster.

*Third*—This service will be under the management of and controlled by a head who must be

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