

appreciation of the course, and of our interested and efficient instructor, Miss Alline.

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Secretary.

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of Superintendents.

Letters were read from the President of the St. Louis Exposition, from the Mayor of the city and various other important officials, inviting the Society to hold its next annual Convention in St. Louis during the Fair in 1904.

The Treasurer's report showed not only an empty treasury but a deficit, caused in part by the great expense of publishing the Transactions of the Buffalo Congress, for which the Society had never been reimbursed.

The report of the Publication Committee called attention to the fact that these Transactions, which the Society had partly paid for, were still unsold, and asked the consideration of the members of means of meeting this difficulty and consequent financial deficit.

In the address of the President the Society was reminded of its useful efforts in the past and their far-reaching results. The President urged the Society to enter upon the work of the session with a full realisation of its importance, and of the truly great questions which are requiring consideration, and which it may be the Society's high privilege to help in solving, saying, in conclusion, "we do not need to wish for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks."

The reading of papers followed. The first subject was the "Teaching of Current Events," and the intention was to have a symposium of three brief papers on this subject, with the hope that each would present a different point of view, but at a late hour a member who had undertaken to prepare one of these papers was obliged, through illness, to withdraw.

The two remaining papers, the first by Miss Jane Delano, Bellevue Hospital, New York, the second by Miss Jennie Cottle, Minnequa Hospital, Pueblo, Colorado, presented somewhat the same point of view, and paved the way for a spirited discussion, in which the conclusion was reached that the study of current events, whether in the form of regular classes, lectures, or informal talks, should find its way into schools of nursing. The first day's session closed with a paper on the "Modern Hospital and Nurse," by Miss Alice Griswold, of New York. The session adjourned to repair immediately to another floor of the hotel, there to partake of a delightful luncheon given to the Society by the three Alumnae Associations of the Allegheny General, the Western Pennsylvania, and the South Side Hospitals.

SECOND DAY.

The second day opened with the presentation by

the Council of the names of the twenty-three new members.

The report on the course in Hospital Economics at Teachers' College, New York, was then presented. This in brief showed a marked increase in the number of candidates, a continuous growth and development of the work in its various aspects, and a growing recognition by the public of its value, as indicated by the numerous applications for those graduating from this course to fill hospital positions. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Miss Banfield, stated the work seemed in every way to be progressing satisfactorily, except in regard to its finances, and urged the members of the Society to further efforts to secure the means for the endowment which would enable the Society to continue to carry on this work. It was pointed out that, in view of the condition of the treasury, no help could be given to the work from that source at present, and individual interest must therefore be relied upon.

New business consisted in the presentation of a letter from the National Council to the President of the American Federation of Nurses in reference to the representation of that body at the forthcoming Congress of the International Council of Women at Berlin in 1904. The state of finances rendering it impossible to consider sending delegates, it was decided that representation could only be secured by appointing to that office someone already in Berlin, or one of those intending to be present under any circumstances.

Miss Nutting then presented a brief statement concerning some recent educational advances, notably those within the last year, which have opened up courses *preparatory to nursing* at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and at the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., and have caused similar plans to come up for consideration in other institutions. Attention was called to the increase in the number of instructors appointed and paid to teach special subjects in training-schools, and to a growing tendency to introduce what is called the non-payment system, using the funds thus released for the better housing, instruction, and general welfare of the pupils. The speaker suggested the advisability of the appointment by the Council of a small Committee on Education, to follow and note all advances and improvements in this direction, and to keep the Society informed.

The Society was then called to consider the recent resignation of Miss L. L. Dock as Secretary, who for so many years had so admirably filled that important and difficult position. It seemed impossible to speak too highly of the efficient way in which these honorary duties had always been performed, or to pay too high a tribute to the untiring spirit of devotion to the interests of the Society which had helped so

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