

care of the sick. Miss Nutting also spoke of the Historical Library on Nursing and Hospitals now being gathered together in the Home, a unique collection of rare and valuable books which should ultimately prove to be not only of immense interest and value to our own school, but should also possess much wider usefulness by providing the only fairly complete library of reference accessible to nurses. It was hoped that one of the great interests of the new society would be the extension of this library by the addition of books, pamphlets, and prints, and that eventually the Historical Library of the Training School would be one of its most prized and valuable possessions. Dr. Florence Sabin was asked to speak from her own knowledge of the value of these societies. She brought out in a very earnest and delightful way the pleasure it gave her to find in an age so given over to mere commercial ideas and a general desire to wrest some definite material benefit out of every effort, that women could be sufficiently interested in something so remote from such considerations, as to give time, thought, and labour to such a purely thoughtful side of their work. But that the pleasure and gain would amply repay any efforts expended Dr. Sabin felt she could assure all the members of an historical society. It was impossible to take up seriously the study of the lives and work of these women, and sometimes men, without finding the help and inspiration that in the present material day is so greatly needed.

It was then suggested that a society be formed, and that the objects of the society should be, first, the study of the "history of nursing"; second, to aid in the building up of the historical library of the Training School; third, to publish from time to time papers of especial interest and value on this subject. It was further suggested that meetings should be held fortnightly throughout the school year, that there should be some simple form of organisation which would provide for a president, secretary and treasurer, these officers to be responsible for arranging the programme of the year. The members present unanimously decided that such a society should be formed. The name of the society was then discussed. Miss Nutting asked to be allowed to suggest a name that seemed to her peculiarly appropriate, and read some extracts from Dr. Osler's "Science and Immortality" to prove that we ourselves have perhaps good claim to be permitted to style ourselves Teresians. One of the members recalled an occasion some years previous when Dr. Osler had himself called the little band of district nurses "dear

disciples of Saint Teresa." The name and all it conveyed was accepted with enthusiasm. Miss Carr then read a brief paper on the life of Saint Teresa and recommended further study of this our patron Saint.

A very interesting historical sketch of some of the early deaconesses, Fabiola, Paula and Olympia, was read by Miss Lawler.

The officers elected were:—Miss de Long, President; Miss Fitzgerald, Secretary; Miss V. M. McDonald, Treasurer.

#### OUTLINE OF SUBJECTS TO BE TAKEN UP DURING THE WINTER.

Deaconesses; Sisterhoods, Foreign, American; St. Vincent de Paul; Little Sisters of the Poor; the Beguines; Early Hospitals, Hotel Dieu, St. Bartholomew's, Ospedale Maggiore; Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta; the Red Cross—Geneva Convention, the Red Cross in America; Kaiserwerth, John Howard, Elizabeth Fry; Florence Nightingale—(1) her early life and general education, (2) her training at Kaiserwerth and elsewhere, (3) her work in the Crimea, (4) what followed—her later life.

### American Nursing World.

At the third annual meeting of the Maryland State Association of Graduate Nurses Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, the President, closed her annual address with the following wise words:—"Our power and influence as a society depends upon our recognition of the fact that we are formed really to promote the welfare of others, and it should be our constant earnest effort to find where we are most needed and with united purpose and perfect sympathy bend ourselves to our task."

A most interesting talk was given by Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, on "Efforts towards Registration for Nurses in European Countries," and the secretary of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses reported that there are now in Baltimore thirty hospitals and sanatoriums, fourteen of which have training schools. These schools are making every effort to bring their work up to the standard, a most encouraging sign of the times.

#### THE SUPERINTENDENTS' ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will be held at the Academy of Medicine, New York, during the last week in April. From the titles of the papers to be read the Conference should prove both interesting and instructive.

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