

drawing up a series of suggestions which should subsequently be presented to their Society.

After discussion it was unanimously resolved that the delegates appointed to represent the Council should oppose the introduction of a Midwives' Bill, and offer the following three suggestions as substitute:—(i.) An Extension of the District Nursing Society; (ii.) An Out-door Maternity Department in connection with the Women's Hospital; and for the less well-to-do—(iii.) The Visiting Midwifery Nurse.

All such nursing to be in the hands of midwifery nurses with the status and training of the midwifery nurses of the Association.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States has accepted the invitation of the Californian State Nurses' Association to meet in the Golden State in 1908. It is hoped that the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools will also hold their Annual Convention there that year. The *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast* says:—"The meeting of these two bodies in California will mean more to the progress of nursing in this State, and, indeed, to the whole Western and Pacific Coast country than we can in any measure at present estimate. Californian nurses have worked hard in the past three years to make it worth while for the representative women in the profession to turn their thoughts our way."

In 1907 the Nurses' Associated Alumnae will meet at Richmond, Virginia.

The Maryland State Nurses Association, has appointed a Committee to work with the Maryland Branch of the Red Cross Society.

There is an interesting point in connection with the appointing of this Committee. A part of its work will be to act as vouchers for nurses who apply for enrolment as Red Cross nurses. It was originally intended that the Committee should be composed of physicians and nurses; but the honorary president of the Association, Miss Nutting, always stands for nurses for nurses' work. This caused some delay, but eventually the Association was informed that the Red Cross committee had come around to her way of thinking. The Committee nominated by the Nurses' Association, has been appointed and the Red Cross Committee will enrol only such nurses as are recommended by them.

This practically put the enrolment of the Red Cross nurses in Maryland in the hands of the State Association of Graduate Nurses.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Earl of Kilmorey, Chairman of Charing Cross Hospital, is making an urgent appeal for increased support, particularly to the residents and traders in the district served by the hospital. The authorities of the Hospital Sunday Fund have recently informed the Committee that the usual grant to the hospital has been suspended until the result of this appeal is proved to be successful, and suggest that they should regard this action as an incentive to making further efforts.

We understand that during the impending alterations at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital the patients will be temporarily accommodated at Charing Cross Hospital.

We regret to record that the vacancy in the General Superintendentship of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, is caused not by the retirement but the death of the late Superintendent and Secretary, Mr. W. L. Saunder. His death has cast a great gloom over the Infirmary where he was universally respected.

The Duchess of Albany, who is president of the Kingston Victoria Hospital, has intimated her intention of visiting the institution on Wednesday, October 24th, to open the extension of the building. She will receive on the occasion, from the members of the newly-formed Ladies' Association, purses of money which have been collected in aid of the hospital.

In recognition of the services rendered by the medical staff and nurses of Crawley Cottage Hospital, when the Vanguard omnibus was wrecked at Handcross Hill, the omnibus owners have forwarded £50 to the institution.

The fourteenth meeting of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography will be held in Berlin from September 23rd to September 29th, 1907. The work of the Congress will be distributed among eight sections, as follows:—(1) Hygienic Microbiology and Parasitology; (2) Hygiene of Nutrition and Hygienic Physiology; (3) Hygiene of Childhood and School Life; (4) Industrial Hygiene; (5) The Prevention of Infectious Diseases and the Cure of Patients Suffering Therefrom; (6) a, Hygiene of the Dwelling and the Community; b, Hygiene of Traffic; (7) Military, Colonial, and Marine Hygiene; (8) Demography. An exhibition to be held in connection with the Congress is being organised under the direction of Professor Rubner of Berlin. The General Secretary of the Congress is Dr. Nietner, 9, Eichhornstrasse, Berlin, W., to whom all communications should be addressed.

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