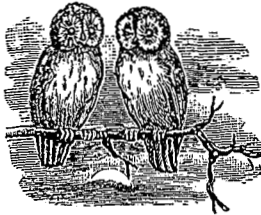


Matrons in Council.

THEIR FIRST MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES.



THE following account of the first Annual Meeting of the Superintendents of the American and Canadian Hospitals is so important that we print it in full—feeling sure that it will be of great interest to sister Matrons on this side of the Atlantic—and we therefore hold over other matters until next week.

“The first annual meeting of the American Association of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses was held in the Academy of Medicine, New York, January 10th and 11th, 1894.

The meeting opened at 10 a.m., the President, Miss Anna Alston, Superintendent Training Schools connected with Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, in the chair.

The President gave a short address of welcome and explained the objects of the Association, and then called upon the Secretary (Miss Louisa Darche, Superintendent New York City Training School) to read the minutes of the meeting, which was held for the purpose of taking steps towards organization, in the Hall of Columbus, Chicago, June 13th, 1893.

An interesting letter was read from Miss E. P. Perkins who held the position of Superintendent of Bellevue Training Schools for over fourteen years. Miss Perkins expressed her entire approval of and sympathy with the convention, and also gave expression to many kind wishes for the success of the deliberations and future work of the Association.

The rest of the morning session was occupied by business—adoption of constitution and bye-laws, and registration of those present. There were 48 names registered—43 paying the initiation fee of \$5, thereby becoming regular members of the Association.

The following is a list of those present at the convention from New York City and Brooklyn:—

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| Miss A. Alston, | Supt., T. S., | Mount Sinai Hospital. |
| „ A. Brennan | „ „ | Bellevue „ |
| „ H. Lund | „ „ | German „ |
| „ A. Maxwell | „ „ | Presbyterian „ |
| „ W. Tompkins | „ „ | St. Luke's „ |
| „ I. Sutcliffe | „ „ | New York „ |
| „ L. Darche | „ „ | New York City „ |
| „ D. Kimber, Asst. | „ „ | „ „ |
| „ M. Bergen | „ „ | Brooklyn Homœop. Hosp. |
| „ J. Merritt | „ „ | City Hospital, Brooklyn. |
| „ R. Sanborn | „ „ | St. Vincent Hosp., Brooklyn |
| „ I. Sutcliffe | „ „ | Long Island Coll. Hosp. „ |
| „ H. Hollingworth | „ „ | Leeney Hospital, Brooklyn. |
| From Philadelphia:— | | |
| Miss M. Smith | Supt., T. S., | Philadelphia Hospital. |
| „ M. Davis | „ „ | University „ |
| „ E. Hogan | „ „ | Children's „ |
| „ A. Walker | „ „ | Presbyterian „ |
| „ M. Littlefield | „ „ | Episcopal „ |
| „ E. Collier | „ „ | Spencer Street „ |
| „ L. Drown | „ „ | City Hosp., Boston, Mass. |

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| Miss F. Hutcheson, Supt., T. S., | City Hosp., Indianapolis, Indiana. |
| „ L. Richards | „ „ New English Hosp., Roxbury, Mass. |
| Mrs. Quintard | „ „ New Haven Hosp., Conn. |
| Miss E. Barry | „ „ Elliott Hosp., Manchester, N.Y. |
| „ J. Robarts | „ „ House of Good Shepherd, Syracuse, N.Y. |
| „ A. Fisher | „ „ City Hosp., Cincinnati, Ohio |
| „ P. Dolliner | „ „ St. Luke's Hospital, Utica, N.Y. |
| „ I. A. Hampton | „ „ Johns Hopkins' Hospital, Baltimore, Md. |
| „ E. Stowe | „ „ Rhode Island Hosp., R. I. |
| „ H. Macdonald | „ „ Lackewanan Hospital, Scranton, Pa. |
| „ A. Hintz | „ „ Memorial Hosp., Orange, N.Y. |
| „ A. McDonald | „ „ City Hosp., Newton, Mass. |
| „ M. Orr | „ „ Gen. Hosp., Patterson, N.J. |
| „ V. Loomis | „ „ Williamsport, P. |
| „ L. L. Dock | „ „ Cook's Co. Hosp., Chicago, |
| „ J. McIsac, Assist. | „ „ „ „ „ „ [Ill. |
| „ C. Horrigan | „ „ City Hosp., Newark, N.J. |
| „ B. MacDonald | „ „ Gen. „ Elizabeth, N.J. |
| „ L. J. Gross | „ „ City „ Buffalo, N.Y. |
| „ E. Boswell | „ „ Children's „ „ |
| „ M. A. Snively | „ „ Gen. Hosp., Toronto, Ont. |
| „ K. Underhill | „ „ Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ont. |
| „ L. Gibson | „ „ Gen. Hosp., Galt., Ont. |
| „ G. Livingston | „ „ „ „ Montreal, Que. |
| „ S. Moore | „ „ Lady Stanley's Institute, Ottawa, Ont. |
| „ M. Wilson, Matron, | Contagious Hospital. |
| „ M. Clary, New York City; | and others interested in the work of the Association. |

At the close of the Morning Session, the President extended an invitation to all present to partake of luncheon which had been hospitably provided by the Superintendents of Training Schools in New York and Brooklyn, and served in the dining-hall of the building in which the meetings were held.

At 1.30 p.m., the Meeting was again called to order, and a very interesting paper read by Miss M. Littlefield, Superintendent of Training School, Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, subject, “What is a Trained Nurse.” One very fine thought in the paper was, that the terms “Ministering Women” and “Trained Nurses” are synonymous. The paper was followed by one read by Miss L. L. Dock, of Chicago, entitled the “Non-Pay System.” Miss Dock presented both sides—so called—of this important question, and when the paper was concluded an animated discussion followed in which a number of Superintendents from the United States and Canada took part. “The Advantages and Disadvantages of the Eight Hour System” was the subject chosen by Miss Maxwell, of the Presbyterian Hospital. This paper, together with some suggestions regarding a three years' service of training instead of two years, called for further discussion. The Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

The second day's Session opened at 10 a.m. The election of Officers for the ensuing year occupied the first hour. The following officers were chosen for 1894:—President, Miss L. Richards, New England Hospital, Roxbury, Mass.; Vice-President, Miss Irene Sutcliffe, New York Hospital, N.Y.; Secretary, Miss M. Littlefield, Episcopal Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Treasurer, Miss L. Drown, City Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Auditors, Miss D. Kimber, Charity Hospital, N.Y., Miss Ida Sutcliffe, Long Island College Hospital, L.I.; Council, Miss I. A. Hampton, Johns Hopkins' Hospital, Baltimore, Miss M. A. Snively, General Hospital, Toronto,

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