

of small schools, and making a strong plea for co-operative nursing, were heard with deep interest and approbation. In the discussion which followed the latter, the President of the Milwaukee Training School, who was present, gave an instructive account of the co-operative work done by that school, which, at present, is doing the nursing in seven small institutions.

The President elected for the coming year is Miss Snively of the General Hospital, Toronto; and the next meeting will take place in Toronto, in February, 1898. The other officers are: Miss Nutting, Vice-President; Miss Drown, treasurer; Miss Dock, secretary; Miss Brennan and Miss Stowe, auditors; and Miss Palmer and Miss Nevins, councillors.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Gilman, President of the Johns Hopkins University, the meetings were held in the Donovan Room, and luncheon was served in McCoy Hall in the same building. Pleasanter and more commodious quarters could not have been found.

Two delightful receptions were given in honour of the Society, one at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, by the Trustees and Officers of the Hospital; and one by Mrs. William Osler. The hospitality of the Monumental City was shown in other special honours, among which were the opening of the doors of the Arundel Club, of which Miss Elizabeth King is President, to the Society; the opportunity given by Mrs. Bonaparte to visit the historical relics of the Bonaparte house; and the unusual privilege granted by Mr. Walters of a special opening of the famous Walters Gallery.

A large number of the members afterwards visited Washington.

THE NATIONAL ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN NURSES.

The second meeting of the Convention called a year ago by the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, for the purpose of organising an American Association of graduate nurses, took place in Baltimore on the 11th and 12th of February, 1897.

It will be remembered by readers of the nursing journals that the first meeting was held at Manhattan Beach, last September, and that a Constitution and Bye-laws were there drafted, providing for an association which should cover the United States and Canada. At the Baltimore meeting, just held, the work of the Convention was completed; the Constitution and Bye-laws, as drafted, were considered, altered in various details, and formally adopted by the delegates, in the name of their respective Alumnæ Associations. The officers of the new organisation were elected, and the first meeting

voted to be held in New York in about one year's time.

In view of the very considerable expense entailed in travelling long distances, and also the difficulty which nurses especially find in breaking away from their work long enough to attend meetings in remote places, the officers chosen, who during the first year will act as an Executive Committee, are located in or near New York, with the exception of the President.

Mrs. Robb, formerly Superintendent of the Training School of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, in whose mind the thought of a National Organisation of Nurses had taken form many years ago, and with whom its consummation has, ever since, been a leading purpose, was elected President. The two Vice-Presidents, who will at present have direct charge of the work of associating the various Alumnæ—the one in this country, the other in Canada—are Miss Lena A. Walden, of the New York Hospital, and Miss Ambros, of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York. The Secretary is Miss Barnard, of the Johns Hopkins, and the Treasurer Miss Tamar Healy, of the Brooklyn City.

The Alumnæ delegates present were Miss Stevenson, of the Massachusetts General; Miss Clapp, of the New Haven; Miss Healy, of the Brooklyn City; Miss Borden, of the Farrand; Miss Phebe Brown, of the Illinois; Miss Mullen, of the Garfield; Miss Walden, of the New York; Mrs. J. R. Hawley, of the Philadelphia; and Miss Barnard, of the Johns Hopkins. The delegates from Bellevue, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Orange Memorial, who had come to the first meeting, were not able to attend the second.

Delegates from the Society of Superintendents were Miss Maxwell, the Presbyterian Hospital, New York; Miss Merritt, the Brooklyn City; Miss Brown, the Massachusetts General; Miss Snively, the Toronto General; Miss Draper, formerly of the Royal Victoria; Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins; Miss McIsaac, of the Illinois; and Mrs. Robb. Those who were absent were Miss Hutcheson, of St. Luke's, Chicago; Miss Walker, of the Pennsylvania; and Miss Palmer, of the Rochester City.

The meetings were held in the Nurses' Home of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where the delegates were hospitably entertained at luncheon on both days.

Their work being completed, they had an opportunity to visit the wards; and many of them took a few moments to attend Mrs. Osler's reception and Miss Bonner's tea, and to look through the Walters Gallery, which was opened for a special view in honour of the Superintendents' Society.

L. L. Dock,
Chairman of Convention.

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