

It is only so that any organization can fulfil its ideals and adequately discharge the duties which devolve upon it in its corporate capacity.

That the Society possesses a sense of its public responsibilities was evidenced by the fact that, upon the motion of the President, a message from the delegates then in session was sent to the Hon. Secretary of War at Washington, offering the services of the Associated Alumnae for any work which the Medical Department of the Army might demand of them, in connection with the war with Spain.

The advantage of the organization of the Alumnae Association was evidenced, as each delegate was able to go back to her own alumnae and after conference with them to furnish the President with the names of graduate nurses, willing, and capable of offering their services, and so greatly to facilitate the organization of a suitable corps of nurses.

Forced Feeding.

"CHAMBERS" gives some interesting accounts of the feeding of phthisical patients: "What is known as the 'open-air treatment of consumption' has hitherto given the best results both in curing the disease and in prolonging life where complete recovery was impossible; and this method may be summed up in the words, "rest, abundant food, and a life in the open air"" At some sanatoria the patient is merely encouraged to eat as much as he can manage; at others it is one of the rules of the institution that he eat double what he feels inclined to! The excellent results of overfeeding appear the more extraordinary when we consider the feeble digestion of the majority of cases of phthisis. At Nordach the maximum amount of food is not administered until after the lapse of the first few days. Then the doctor takes up a convenient position at each meal, and watches that the following liberal menus are partaken of:—Breakfast: Half-litre of milk, coffee and rolls, eggs and meat, as the patient likes. This is the only meal at which one can suit one's inclinations. Dinner at 1.15: Half-litre of milk. First course, about half-pound of beef or fish; second course, about half-pound of veal, mutton, or poultry; as much vegetables as can be crowded into two platefuls; half-pound bread, half-pound pudding, batter, custard, or ice-cream. Supper at 7: Same quantity as dinner, without pudding, and the courses are as varied as possible. These two meals have to be taken under the eye of the doctor, and no servant is allowed to remove a plate until quite empty. Alcohol is allowed (as beer or wine). A half-litre of milk is nearly a pint.

Nursing Echoes.

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being of "the boys."

WE are of opinion that Students' Journals and Hospital Gazettes should fulfil the purpose for which they are presumably published: i.e., deal with medical school matters, and medical treatment; and we would permit occasionally a sly little poke at the powers that be when they omit to consider the personal and professional well-

BUT in overlooking specimens of these Hospital Gazettes, one wonders if the students after all have no affairs of their own that they are so constantly used to discuss matters with which the medical student has nothing to do. For instance, in one we find columns given up to twittering sweet nothings to past and present members of the nursing staff, in fact one would be led to believe that the medical school was in some way a subordinate appendage to the nursing school, and had no independent existence, or interest in life.

IN another this fulsome twaddle is replaced by constant and thinly veiled attacks upon "one in authority" (the Matron), which must make the maintenance of discipline in the Hospital exceedingly difficult, sowing as it does, rank disloyalty amongst the nurses—as it is usually in support of these down-trodden damsels that the adverse criticism is expressed.

ONE of these Students' Journals strikes one as excellent, it is filled with well-written scientific and medical articles, original matter from abroad, and plenty of chat in relation to the students' clubs and outside affairs. Nursing matters are wisely left severely alone. Upon enquiry, we find this journal is mildly edited by a responsible hospital official, by which means discipline is maintained. We commend this system to the Committees of hospitals, which shall be nameless. We feel sure good would result all round if it were more widely adopted.

UPON her departure from Lincoln, Miss C. M. Beachcroft received many tokens of affection and appreciation from all classes with whom, and for whom, she had worked for so many years. Valuable gifts were presented to her by

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