

With regard to the district work, the radius within which patients can be attended must be decided upon. It must also be decided whether or not first cases shall be attended in the district. On the whole, it is better to decide against this; at the same time, we know that the vicar of a parish in the neighbourhood of a well-known maternity home begged the authorities to relax their rule in the matter, on the ground that he personally was acquainted with so many cases of drunkenness which had originated at a first confinement, where the woman was nursed by an ignorant neighbour. This, therefore, appears to be a strong argument in favour of attending first cases on the District when there is no in-door department of the Charity.

The district cases should be attended always by a qualified nurse-midwife. She may be accompanied by a pupil, but it is absolutely unjustifiable to allow an uncertificated pupil to go alone to a lying-in case. We are aware that this practice often prevails in connection with maternity homes, but in our opinion it is absolutely unjustifiable, and should never be allowed.

The district patients should not be left until the mother has been made comfortable, and the infant washed. Then, if everything is satisfactory with mother and child and the mother's pulse under 100°, she may be left for a while, but a visit should always be paid within six hours, and a daily visit for the following ten days.

Annual Meeting of the National Association of American and Canadian Nurses.

OWING to unforeseen circumstances, the unusually severe storms in February, being one of them, the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, were compelled to postpone their Annual Meeting, which was to have been held in Chicago. The Society proposes to meet, therefore, in New York, in the first week in May. The Associated Alumnae, that is the National Society of American and Canadian Nurses, will also meet in New York at the same time, so that no doubt much pleasant intercourse will take place between the members of the two societies.

THE Associated Alumnae are to hold their meeting at the Academy of Medicine on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of May, and the following interesting programme has been arranged:—

MONDAY, MAY 1ST.

Presentation of Credentials and Payments of Annual Dues.

Address of Welcome—Miss Winthrop Cowdin.

Address of President—Mrs. Hampton Robb.

Social Gathering.

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND.

Reports of Committees.

Paper—Directories or Registries for Nurses, Miss Mabel Mason, Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae Association.

Discussion—Miss Sarah H. Fullom, Pennsylvania Hospital Alumnae Association.

Executive Session.

Paper—Uniforms, Miss Harriett Fulmer, St. Luke's Hospital Alumnae Association, Chicago.

Discussion—Miss Anna H. Maxwell, Boston City Hospital Alumnae Association.

Executive Session.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD.

Paper—How to bring Skilled Nursing to People of Moderate Means, Miss Mary Wightman, Visiting Nurse Society, Philadelphia; Alice Fisher, Alumnae Association.

Discussion—Miss Koch, Michael Reese Hospital, Alumnae Association.

Executive Session.

Paper—The Duty of Local Associations to the Associated Alumnae, Involving the Discipline of Nurses—Miss A. M. Carr, Johns Hopkins' Hospital Alumnae Association.

Discussion—Miss Rykert, New York Hospital Alumnae Association; Miss Amy A. Chamberlain, Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Association Training School for Nurses in the City of New York.

Executive Session.

A cordial invitation is extended to all graduate nurses to be present at the General Sessions.

Metropolitan Nursing Association.

LAST Friday afternoon, at the invitation of the Duke of Westminster, the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Nursing Association was held at Grosvenor House, the chair being occupied by Mr. H. Bonham Carter. This Association provides for the training of nurses for the sick poor in connection with the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, with which the Association was affiliated. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, which alluded to the satisfactory progress which had been made during the past year. Altogether 2,157 cases had been attended, 1,155 of them being in connection with children in the Board Schools of London. He said it was essential that the standard of nursing and the supply of nurses should be efficiently maintained. Mr. Ernest Flower, M.P., seconded the motion, which was adopted.

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