

Annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

THE Sixth Annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses was held at the Academy of Medicine, New York City, on May 4th, 5th, and 6th.

In the absence of the president, Miss McIsaac, the vice-president, Miss Snively, called the meeting to order. About forty members were present, and applications were received from seventeen new applicants, and presented to the meeting for consideration.

Most interesting papers were read by Miss A. Maxwell, Miss A. I. Twitchell, Mrs. Quintard, Miss M. Riddell, Miss M. E. May, Miss L. Walker, and Miss Palmer, and were ably and thoroughly discussed.

Miss Wald, of the Trained Nurses' Settlement of New York City, gave a most interesting talk, showing what an important factor the trained nurse was becoming in the administrative affairs of large cities, in the departments of sanitary science, public health, etc.

Mrs. Hunter Robb then presented for consideration her plan for establishing a course at Columbia College for the further education of graduate nurses intending to become superintendents of hospitals and training schools.

During the animated discussion which followed it was suggested that a chair at the college might be endowed for that purpose, or be made self-supporting by a charge of \$400 for the entire course, said course to extend over one year, and including lectures on health and hygiene, sociology, physiology, domestic economy, sanitary science, and other branches most necessary for those about to take positions of responsibility.

Several of the superintendents stated that they could recommend one or two graduates for such a course which would undoubtedly be of inestimable value to them.

The election of officers for the ensuing year followed, and the Association then adjourned, to meet during the first week in May, 1900.

At the Sixth Annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, lately held in New York, the following ladies were appointed the Executive Committee for the coming year:—

Miss M. I. Merritt.....President.
Miss McIsaac.....Vice-President.
Miss Lavinia L. Dock.....Secretary.
Miss L. Drown.....Treasurer.
Miss McDowell and Miss Reddell.....Councillors.
Miss Milne.....Auditor.

M. ISABEL MERRITT,
Sec., *pro. tem.*

The Blairgowrie Case.

WE referred, in a recent issue, to the case of a nurse working under the Blairgowrie District Nursing Association as a Queen's Nurse, and from whom Miss Wade, the Superintendent of Queen's Nurses in Scotland, considered it right, in her capacity of Inspector, to withhold the full certificate. A meeting of the General Committee of the Blairgowrie Association was held recently, to receive the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to inquire into the charges made against Nurse Jackson. Rev. Mr. White presided, and amongst those present were Miss Guthrie Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Queen's Nurses in Scotland, and Miss Wade, Superintendent, Edinburgh.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE Chairman read the report of the Sub-Committee appointed at a recent meeting to inquire into the charges made against Nurse Jackson as follows:—"At the last meeting of the General Committee it was agreed that a Sub-Committee be appointed to make inquiry into the whole circumstances in connection with Nurse Jackson's complaint against the Executive; that it be an instruction to that Committee to receive any representations or statements that may be tendered by or on behalf of Nurse Jackson, or by or on behalf of the Executive; take the same into consideration, and report to the General Committee as soon as possible; and that the Sub-Committee consist of all the male members of the General Committee, seven to be a quorum. At the first meeting of the Sub-Committee, Mr. Hodge, who had been invited to be present on behalf of Miss Jackson, was asked to make a statement of Miss Jackson's complaint. Mr. Hodge said he denied the charges in the statement of the Executive Committee *in toto*. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that, as no complaint against the Executive Committee had been made, and no statement of Miss Jackson's grievance put forward, the Committee adjourn till the 16th inst., to afford Miss Jackson an opportunity, if so advised, of making such specific complaint. At the second meeting, a letter from Mr. Hodge was read, in which he claimed that his general denial of the charges in the statement of the Executive Committee was sufficient to open the whole question. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Noble submitted their minute book, the doctor's charges, and letters to the Executive Committee by the Superintendent, the doctors, Provost Templeman, and Mr. Hodge. These were read over, examined, and compared. At the third meeting letters were read from Miss Guthrie Wright, the Hon. Secretary of the

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