

Saturday, May 5th.

10 A.M.

Paper—Openings for Women in the Nursing Profession.

Miss ELIZABETH R. SCOVIL.

The Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae.

1st—In Institutions.

(a) The work of Nurses in Asylums.

Miss S. LOUISE LAIRD.

The Rochester City Hospital Alumnae.

(b) The work of Nurses in Sanitariums.

Miss

The Farrand Training School Alumnae

(c) The work of Nurses in Schools and Colleges.

Miss MARTHA S. BARR.

The Boston City Hospital Alumnae.

2nd—District and Settlement Work.

(a) Settlements.

Miss LILLIAN D. WALD

The New York Hospital Alumnae.

(b) District Work in Boston.

Miss LUCY MACBRIDE.

The Boston City Hospital Alumnae.

(c) District Work in New York.

Miss H. VANCLEFT.

The Presbyterian Hospital Alumnae, New York.

(d) District work in Philadelphia.

Miss

The Pennsylvania Hospital Alumnae.

(e) District work in Chicago.

Miss HARRIET FULMER.

The St. Lukes Hospital Alumnae, Chicago.

(f) District work in Buffalo.

Miss ANNIE DAMAR.

The Bellvue Hospital Alumnae.

(g) District work in Baltimore.

Miss A. M. CARR.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Alumnae.

3rd—Visiting Nursing.

(a) Visiting nursing in New York.

Mrs. WM. M. CARHART.

The New York Post-Graduate Hospital Alumnae.

(b) Visiting Nursing in Rochester.

Miss J. J. CUNNINGHAM.

The Rochester City Hospital Alumnae.

(c) Visiting Nursing in Baltimore.

Miss HELENA BARNARD.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Alumnae.

4th—The Necessity for the Development of Post-Graduate work for Graduate Nurses:

(a) Miss MARY DAVIS BARNES.

The Illinois Training School Alumnae.

(b) Miss PERSIS PLUMER.

The Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae.
Executive Session.

We are glad to learn that the Draft Constitution of the International Council of Nurses is to be brought before the Nurses' Associated Alumnae at the Annual Meeting. The criticisms and suggestions of this professional body of nurses will, no doubt, be valued by the Provisional Committee of the International Council.

A Chat with Miss Hibbard.

THE RETURN OF THE "MAINE."

THE arrival of the *Maine* last Monday took everyone by surprise, and many members of the committee who had hoped to meet her at Southampton were still in London when she got into harbour. Anxious to hear something of her experiences for the benefit of the readers of the NURSING RECORD, and to renew my acquaintance with Miss Hibbard for my own, I lost no time in calling upon her, and found her tanned and sunburnt with exposure to the African sun, and the sea breezes, but serene, courteous, and charming as ever. All who had the pleasure of making Miss Hibbard's acquaintance before the *Maine* left this country on her mission of mercy to our sick and wounded soldiers, will regret to learn that, on her next voyage, the nursing will not be under Miss Hibbard's able superintendence. She is anxious to return to the United States, and she feels that now that the work is organized and in order, it can be left in the hands of other members of the nursing staff. The *Maine*, as readers of the RECORD are aware, carried an ample staff of Nursing Sisters and graduate male nurses, and, practically, it was found that a smaller staff would suffice for the work required of it. It will be seen that the majority of the cases are, to some extent, convalescent before they reach the ships at all. The Mauser bullet is a kindly missile, and its clean-cut wounds, in the magnificent air of Natal, heal up wonderfully quickly. Therefore, after the able treatment that he receives at the hands of the doctors and nurses first on the field, then at an intermediate station, then at the base hospital, and at other stopping places on the lines of communication, it is small wonder that Tommie is frequently on the high road to recovery by the time he reaches the hospital ships, of which, by the way, there were at one time no less than seven waiting in Durban harbour to receive him.

Acting, therefore, on Miss Hibbard's advice, the Committee have decided to decrease the nursing staff on the next voyage, and, accordingly, seven of the present staff will not sail with the *Maine* on her return. It is satisfactory that, of the whole number of patients brought home, only one needed to be carried ashore when the ship arrived at Southampton. One, alas, died on the homeward voyage, and was laid to rest at Madeira, the ship staying there for the day for that purpose but, with this exception, the patients responded splendidly to the medical and nursing care they received, and to the comfortable surroundings in which they found themselves, and the medical and nursing staff had the happiness

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