

Nursing Organization.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALUMNÆ
ASSOCIATION OF THE JOHNS
HOPKINS HOSPITAL.

THE following account of work done at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Nurses of the United States we find very interesting:—

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO SECOND
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NURSES'
ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States held its second annual meeting on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1899, in the Academy of Medicine, New York.

The President, Mrs. Robb; Vice-Presidents, Miss Barnard and Mrs. Hawley; Treasurer, Miss Healy; Secretary, Miss Jean A. Hopkins, were present. A goodly number of delegates, charter members and visitors innumerable filled the hall. Miss Snively, of Toronto General Hospital; representatives of Buffalo and Washington schools, attended by special invitation and courtesy. Chicago, Detroit, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Maryland and District of Columbia were represented in delegates and visitors. The *only* representatives south of Washington City was the J. H. H. delegate from Richmond, Va.

On Monday, May 1st, about 2 p.m., the meeting being called to order, the President introduced Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin, the champion of nursing interests and the "Army Bill" in particular. Mrs. Cowdin briefly expressed her pleasure in welcoming the Association to New York, and in having the opportunity to express to them her warm interest in all the plans and achievements of the nurses, assuring them of her readiness at all times to share in their efforts toward progress and development.

After the President's Address, which fully confirmed *our* confidence in her ability, as well as unwavering effort to place the profession on a higher plane, we adjourned to another apartment to partake of tea, daintily served by the Committee on Arrangements.

The programme for May 2nd and 3rd was in brief:

Reports of Committees.

Reading of papers by members of representative schools, followed by animated and interesting discussion.

Each general session was followed by an executive session.

It will be gratifying to us as an Association to learn that decidedly the ablest paper and one calling forth most earnest discussion and deepest interest was that prepared by Miss Carr and read by Miss Nutting.

Miss Maxwell and others, who had nursed in camp and field hospitals, gave brief sketches of their trying experiences and service. All accounts and reports of army nursing showed but the more plainly the urgent need of better methods for supplying nursing to our military in peace, as well as in war.

Miss Nutting proposed for honorary membership Miss Florence Nightingale. Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid were proposed by Miss Wadley. Each of these being found eligible for membership according to requirements of the Constitution, were elected by unanimous vote at final session.

On account of the involvement of international legal points, the name Canada could not be kept, consequently the title agreed upon is merely the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, and a cordial invitation to be annually extended the Canadian Alumnae.

In regard to the nursing periodical—after hearing the report of Miss Nutting's Committee, it was decided that the most advisable and safe plan would be to secure a given number of pages in some medical journal whose editors are friendly to the progress and interests of nursing; provide *our* own editor, and thus secure in one medical and nursing news.

Miss Smith, of Philadelphia (Chairman), to appoint a committee of three (3) to confer with Dr. Gould, of Philadelphia, in regard to rates, etc., in securing the requisite space in the "Medical Journal;" a report of this conference to be made at once to the Executive Committee, who will take material action without delay.

Miss Tippet, of Massachusetts General Hospital (Sixth and Plain streets, Boston), chairman of committee of two, to receive reports of various Alumnae, and forward same to Secretary of Associated Alumnae to put into the annual report, that the members be brought thus more closely into touch with each other's work and interests.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson Scovil was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange the course of study to be adopted annually by the various Alumnae. A number of names were suggested for this committee, as it could not immediately be ascertained who would serve. Miss A. M. Carr (J. H. H.), was among those suggested.

Miss Sutcliffe (to select her own assistants) was appointed to draft resolutions of respect for those nurses who lost their lives while caring for the sick and wounded in the Spanish-American war.

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