

should inspire us to go to America to learn how they manage these things there. Then again, it will be of extreme interest to observe the organization of the Hospitals, and the differences in the treatment of the patients, and the Nursing Homes and their methods. In some ways I understand the Americans are more thorough than we are and although I hope we may come home having availed ourselves of opportunities of studying many things, a visit to the States cannot fail to be of great educative value. I hope therefore that many nurses will try to go. We are sure to have a very enjoyable time for our American colleagues are extremely hospitable, and I expect we shall come back with heaps of new ideas.

MISS MOLLETT: I agree with Mrs. Fenwick that time and money are essential to carry out this scheme. If Mrs. Fenwick will show us where the latter is to come from I have no doubt that plenty of delegates will be forthcoming.

MRS. FENWICK: Last year when the International Congress of Women, of which I was Hon. Treasurer, was held in this country there was a fear that the large sum of money required might not be forthcoming, I am happy to say, however, that eventually we had a very substantial surplus almost entirely subscribed by women to hand over to the new treasurer of the International Council of Women after all our expenses, some £1,700, were paid. There is no doubt that we nurses shall learn much in the United States which will benefit our patients, as well as ourselves, and that being so I think it is legitimate for us to enlist the practical sympathy of the public. I hope therefore that all present will consider the best methods of obtaining ways and means and will interest their rich friends in the scheme. We must remember that at the Congress in this country last year a dozen or more nurses came over from the United States. They paid their own expenses, but nurses are not so highly paid in this country. But I trust to the nurses, through co-operation to help themselves, and I have no doubt we shall find friends able and willing to help us.

Mrs. BOND (United States, formerly a British Army Nursing Sister): I can assure those present that if they come to the United States next year we shall do our best to give them a good time. Though I live in the States, I am a British woman, and jealous of the reputation of my own country. I was anxious, therefore, to hear the reports of those who came over to the Women's Congress last year, and it was with very great pleasure that I found that every woman who came back was most enthusiastic about its splendid organization and the magnificent hospitality she had received. It opened the eyes of American women, and when they got back they called together meetings of from 600 to 800 people and gave them a description of all their doings. So I can promise you a very enthusiastic welcome from your American sisters next year. I for one intend to be at Buffalo.

Keep on lookin' for the bright, bright skies,  
Keep on hopin' that the sun will rise,  
Keep on singin' when the old world sighs  
And you'll get there in the mornin'.

Keep on plowin' when you've missed the crops.  
Keep on dancin' when the fiddle stops,  
Keep on faithful till the curtain drops,  
And you'll get there in the mornin'.

## The Registered Nurses' Society.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Society was held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Thursday, the 26th inst. Dr. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Treasurer, presided, and a most satisfactory report of the year's work was presented by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Superintendent, and, indeed, the Society is to be much congratulated upon its continued progress and success.



The Financial report showed an income of £6,000 a year; a substantial profit on the year's working; and a largely increasing number of applications for nurses.

The earnings of the nurses who have been on the staff throughout the past year have varied from £163 16s. for 52 weeks' work, to £87 18s. 9d. for 30 weeks' work, the average being no less than £98 10s. for an average of 39½ weeks' work, and nearly every member took eight weeks' holiday during the year.

It is most satisfactory to record that one hundred and ten new medical practitioners have sent for nurses during the year. Twenty new members have been added to the staff, and comparatively few resignations have taken place, and in no single instance has a nurse resigned, excepting upon her marriage, or to accept an important resident post in the nursing world—facts which are very significant both of the harmony and of the success with which the Society is worked.

In its management, the nurses, by their six representatives upon the Committee, now take an active part.

Sisters Bewsher, Davie (on her marriage), Hurlston, and A. Jones, retire in rotation from the Committee, and Sisters Flanagan, Hewitt, Lidyard and Tillott were elected to replace them.

The Committee expressed their warm appreciation of the manner in which Sister Cartwright, the Secretary, has worked for the success of the Society during the past year, and it is an open secret that her devotion to duty and excellent business abilities have done much to increase its influence in public estimation.

Votes of thanks to the Superintendent and Treasurer for their honorary services concluded the business of the meeting.

## The American Nursing World.

We have pleasure in presenting, this week, a picture of the beautiful Johns Hopkins' Hospital, at Baltimore, U.S.A. It has an ideal Nursing School attached to it.

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