

A quarter of a century ago it was mainly from the standpoint of a neat and professional appearance that nurses were enjoined to "wear their hair in the simplest manner possible." At the present day, when surgeons shave their beards, and wear masks because it is proved that microbes injurious to their patients may find a resting place in them, it behoves nurses to keep their hair very simply dressed, and as much covered by their caps as possible. An elaborate coiffure is quite out of place for a nurse on duty.

A meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Glasgow Training Home for Nurses, 250, Renfrew Street, was recently held in the Religious Institution Rooms. Mr. J. C. Alston presided. It was unanimously resolved to confirm a resolution come to at a previous meeting on May 7th to register the institution under the Companies Acts, and to alter the name to "The M'Alpin Nursing Home, Glasgow."

Sister Agnes Karll, President of the German Nurses' Association, will be very busy this autumn delivering lectures on nursing subjects. She will give the first of the series in Stettin on October 8th, and later ones in Munich, in Cologne, Godesberg, and towns near the Rhine. The whole of November she will be moving from one place to another, and, we may be sure, will be doing good work wherever she goes.

The first annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, was held on September 11th and 12th at the General Hospital, Montreal, and we hear it was an "unqualified success." Miss Agnes Snively, the President, was in the chair, and the address of welcome to the 22 members present was delivered by Miss Livingstone, the Lady Superintendent of the hospital.

In her Presidential Address, briefly dealing with the objects, Miss Snively said that it had been formed to consider all questions relating to nursing education; to define and maintain in schools of nursing throughout the country minimum standards for admission and graduation; to assist in furthering all matters pertaining to public health; to aid in all measures for public good by co-operation with other educational bodies, philanthropic and social; to promote by meetings, papers, and discussions, cordial professional relations and fellowship; and in all ways to develop and

maintain the highest ideals in the nursing profession.

Several good papers were read, and the Demonstrations on Practical Nursing given in the operating theatres at the Montreal General Hospital, and at the Royal Victoria Hospital, by the nursing staffs were pronounced the most interesting sections of the meeting, the members of the medical profession present expressing much admiration for the skill displayed.

The hospitality extended to the Matrons was sumptuous. The medical staff at the General gave a luncheon, and the Lady Superintendent a reception and tea. One evening the delegates were invited to the reception held at the McGill Union to meet the Canadian Medical Association, and Miss Henderson, Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, had a charming farewell tea.

The Society unanimously volunteered for service in response to the invitation of the Director-General at Ottawa, who is organising a corps of military nurses for use in time of war.

The new officers are Miss Snively, Toronto, President; Miss Chesley, Ottawa, First Vice-President; Miss Livingstone, Montreal General, Second Vice-President; Miss Brent, Toronto, Secretary; Miss Meiklejohn, Ottawa, Treasurer. The Council was re-elected, Miss Henderson, of the Royal Victoria, replacing Miss McIsaac.

Several new works by American nurses are in the press: G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, and 24, Bedford Street, London, announce the publication of Miss Maxwell's book, and W. B. Saunders Co., of Philadelphia, has in the press the second section of Miss C. A. Aiken's book on "Hospital Training School Methods and the Head Nurse." We believe this is the first attempt to deal with nursing from the teaching standpoint. It is intended to help nurse teachers to a clearer understanding of the business they have undertaken.

The great History of Nursing may be expected any day. It is a monumental work, and moreover a work of genius. The two volumes are to cost one guinea nett, and we advise all nurses who love their profession, and whose purses are light, as so many are, to make sure some kind friend includes this work amongst their Christmas gifts. G. P. Putnam's Sons are publishing it.

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