

Tedford, of the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in London, in 1899, an admirably concise and interesting account of the proceedings.

ADDRESS BY MISS GOODRICH.

The President then introduced Miss A. W. Goodrich, R.N. Inspector of Nurse Training Schools of New York State, who spoke effectively on the great work nurses may do in the conservation of the national health. She paid a tribute to Canadian nurses, mentioning especially in this connection the late Mrs. Hampton Robb, Miss M. A. Nutting, and Miss I. M. Stewart, who, as Miss Nutting's Assistant, is doing such splendid work in the Department of Nursing and Health at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

The following Hon. Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—*President*, Miss M. A. Snively; *First Vice-President*, Miss Brent; *Secretary*, Miss R. Stewart; *Treasurer*, Miss F. M. Shaw, and six Directors.

THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses was then discussed and adopted. The objects were defined as follows:—

1.—The objects of this Association shall be to encourage mutual understanding and unity among Associations of Trained Nurses in the Dominion of Canada.

2.—To acquire a knowledge of the methods of nursing in every country, to elevate the standard of professional education, and promote a high standard of professional honour among nurses in all their relations; to encourage a spirit of sympathy with the nurses of other countries, and to afford facilities for international hospitality.

The Constitution further provides for an annual meeting of all officers of the Association and delegates from affiliated nursing organizations, and constitutes the Hon. Officers and Directors as a Board of Directors, who will act as the Executive Committee and convene at the call of the President.

We congratulate the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses on the result of its three years' work, and on securing as its officers ladies whose work is known and esteemed throughout and beyond the great Dominion.

NURSING ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC GOOD

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

By MISS ANNIE DAMER,
Past President, American Nurses' Association.

In America, the old idea that the duty of the nurse is to care only for the sick in hospital and home is being lost in the broader conception of the importance of her work in its relation to public health and the general welfare of the whole community. The opportunities are great, and the demand for trained nurses by all public bodies organized for social service is an indication that, not only do they consider nurses as their most essential officers, but that the training given in our schools must in some way meet this demand.

It was noticeable at the June meeting of the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools how often this was referred to—the demand upon the schools for more than they were equipped for, or prepared to undertake. Shall the hospital school be called upon to train school nurses, tuberculosis nurses, factory and store nurses, infant hygiene and milk fund nurses, not to speak of the great broadening field of district nursing, which nurses are entering by the score, very inadequately prepared for? A resolution was passed at this meeting that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education be requested to make an investigation of the work of our schools for nurses. It is hoped that some valuable aid and suggestions may be received from this or some similar organization. Teachers' College has now its Nursing and Health Department, with a splendid endowment, training nurses in teaching and organizing, and we hope the day will soon come when no nurse will be appointed as the head of a school without some such preparation.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnae, which began, 14 years ago, as a federation of thirteen Alumnae Associations in the Eastern States, met in Boston in June, representing 20,000 members from City, State, and Alumnae Associations, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Canadian and the Mexican borders. By unanimous vote the name was changed to "The American Nurses' Association." The Association now has an Inter-State Secretary travelling from coast to coast wherever her services are asked for, holding meetings and carrying the message of fellowship and helpfulness to the lonely nurse in a little prairie town, or the large well-organized City Association.

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