

all the time in translating for her purposes the German and French reports and medical material relating to Overwork.

At first she found the physicians in this country very reluctant to declare that there was such a thing as Overwork and Fatigue for labouring classes (though they diagnose it readily in business men), only dear old Dr. Abraham Jacobi and one or two women physicians feeling as keenly as she did on the question. But now the two remarkable briefs which she assisted in preparing (indeed, they were almost entirely her work) with the decisions based upon them, and the resultant discussions, have made Overwork a most favoured topic, and at the Boston meeting of our national alumnae the Mayor of the City spoke in denunciation of the overwork of nurses in asylums, while prominent medical men now have much to say on occupational fatigue. So the world moves. One of the most democratic and human speakers on this line is Dr. Roth of Potsdam, and I hope we can bring him to Cologne.

THE MATRON'S RIGHTFUL SPHERE.

Another subject that needs reiteration and fresh emphasis is the Proper Position of the Matron and her Rightful Sphere of Authority, for you know how tenaciously this is resisted by Continental Directors of Hospitals. Of course, the entire range of problems of education, training, and overwork ties to this fundamental principle of the matron and her place.

RESOLUTIONS.

In connection with the Business Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, resolutions will be offered for the vote of regularly accredited delegates and members on the following points: 1. The need of provision by the State for the old age and invalidity of nurses (other classes of workers in Germany have been thus provided for, but nurses have been overlooked); 2. The endorsement by the International Council of Nurses of State Registration and a demand for its continued progress and improvement in educational standards; 3. The supreme importance of "Votes for Women" as a necessary tool for women in attaining a higher plane of education and opportunity and in helping to shape a more just social order.

The request is made that all members of societies affiliated in National Councils and Associations, and which compose the International Council of Nurses, will give their attention to these subjects for resolution at their meetings, and give explicit instructions thereon to their delegates, so that the four delegates who officially represent National Associations of Nurses, may attend with clear and definite instructions on each resolution.

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OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

At the presentation by the Lady Mayoress of prizes at the City of London School for Girls, the Lord Mayor (Sir T. Vezey-Strong), made one of his delightful speeches—not only delivered with his usual graceful power of oratory, but inspired with his well-known generosity of feeling. He said that in the days of the foundation of the City of London School there was not so much consideration to girls as there was now. The old founders, acting according to their lights, thought it more desirable to provide education for boys than instruction for girls. As civilisation advanced we gave to our girls equal opportunities, and with equal opportunities the superior ability of the girls would soon place them in advance of men. Nothing was more interesting than the increasingly useful positions occupied by women. That was largely due to their own sense of devotion, to their desire for service, and their ambition to confer happiness on others. Those desires and ambitions had been rendered more effective by the more liberal educational advantages which had been placed at their disposal, and of which they had made such excellent use. There were those who deprecated the interference of women in public life. For his part he believed that women could not touch anything without improving it. He welcomed their co-operation in all departments of life where their abilities and strength fitted them to take part. It became increasingly important that the girls should avail themselves of every educational opportunity offered.

THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT GLASGOW.

The Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, and Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women, held at Glasgow, was a wonderful gathering, and for the first time, thanks to the *Standard*, those members who could not attend were supplied with a good report of the business and debates.

Mrs. Alan Bright, of Liverpool, was elected President, and no alteration is to be made in the name of the Union.

The emergency resolution for safeguarding women's interests under the National Insurance Bill was carried by the audience rising *en masse*. It urged on the Government and on all Members of Parliament that on account of the vital importance of the interests of women under the Insurance Bill, amendments should be added securing that at least one of the Insurance Commissioners should be a woman, and that one-fifth of the Advisory Committee and one-fourth of every Health Committee should be women.

From Papers and discussions we gather the following words of wisdom:—

Lady Laura Ridding: "We needed prophets to awaken a greater sense of self-sacrifice, justice,

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