

nado Hotel, Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. The President, Miss Davis, of the University State Hospital, Philadelphia, in the chair.

The object of this Convention is the elevation of the nursing profession in all its branches. To effect in this object a committee was formed last year with Miss Suively, of the Toronto General Hospital, as its convener, to draw up a uniform curriculum. A very able paper was prepared and accepted, it being decided that the curriculum should be adopted and tried for the coming year and work reported on at next Convention. A statistical report of the working hours of nurses in the different hospitals was prepared and read by Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins, and the deplorable fact that in some hospitals women are expected to work fourteen and a-half hours was brought to light.

A nurse's work demands great watchfulness and intelligence, and how can a nurse with worn out body and mind be able for this. This not only applies to hospital nursing but also to nurses on private duty, where sometimes it is considered an imposition if the nurse demands her six hours off duty. We do not expect as much work from our laboring men. It is fortunately only in few hospitals that these long hours are imposed. The majority having eight and a-half or nine

hours work. The other papers of interest were: "Should Undergraduates be sent out to Private Duty?"; "Limitations of Pupil Nurses' Duty in Caring for Male Patients," etc.

The delegates to the Convention certainly owe a vote of thanks to Miss Davis and her friends for the hospitality and kindness shown to the visitors. The President for the coming year is Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins. The next Convention will be held February, 1897, in Baltimore.

So long as the science of medicine was empirical and drugs were prescribed simply because experience had taught their administration was followed by certain effects, no progress was possible. We are now discovering the causes of disease and are dealing with them in logical principles.

For this improvement the noble art of healing is largely indebted to the homoeopaths. Members of the old school have been until now like English lawyers, for whom law is a mere bundle of precedents; the homoeopaths have always tried to trace symptoms back to their causes and to act on the old adage that the cause being removed the effect will disappear. When medicine is reduced to a mathematical science humanity will laugh at diseases which are now considered incurable.—*Pacific Record*.

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