

carried out is equivalent to that in a single hospital. The difficulty of putting this principle into practice will be with the large hospitals, which will not be willing to take probationers from small ones and complete their training.

Training in Children's Hospitals was discussed, and a resolution carried:—

"That in the opinion of this Conference, nurses trained in children's hospitals, until they have completed an additional year in a general hospital, shall have their names, after passing the examination, published in a special register; but if they have passed the examination after completing an additional year in a general hospital, they shall be entitled to have their names appear both on the Children's Register and the General Register; and that a nurse trained in a general hospital be entitled to have her name on the Children's Register after completing an additional year's training in a children's hospital."

[This discussion does not at present specially interest New Zealand nurses, as there are no special children's hospitals, and all hospitals either have children's wards, or receive children into the general wards.—Ed.]

A registered outdoor uniform for trained nurses belonging to the A.T.N.A. was spoken of, but not considered seriously. This has been mooted several times by New Zealand nurses, and they will be interested to learn that a uniform could be registered, but it must be absolutely unique, and specified in all details; therefore, as it would practically be impossible to get a large number of nurses to agree to adhere so strictly to one fashion, we must be satisfied with the badge as a distinguishing token.

The last, and by no means the least, important matter which came before the Conference was that of eight-hour duty for nurses. Although most of those who spoke thought that in Australia the hours of duty were excessive, yet no one advocated an eight-hour system. One doctor said that, "He considered the amount of leave was much more important than the number of hours worked a day. A nurse should have one day in each week off duty, then without harm she might work for ten or more hours a day, on the days that she was on duty."

It was moved and carried: "That in the opinion of this Conference the hours of hospital nurses are excessive, and that the number of hours on duty per week should be reduced."

This resolution was put merely as a record of the opinion of the meeting, representative

as it was of between 2,000 and 3,000 nurses, but it was recognised that this was entirely a matter of hospital administration.

The Conference terminated on 21st July, and it was felt that much good had been accomplished by the meeting of the delegates from the various branches of the Association.

Some entertainments had been arranged for the delegates, and the visitors were shown round the large hospitals.

[This account of the discussions entered into by the A.T.N.A. must bring before the members of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association the wide scope which may in the future be before them for consideration of matters relating to their profession. In Australia it is likely before long that there will be an Act for the Registration of nurses, and that the general supervision of training schools and arrangements of State examinations will be no longer in the hands of the Association; but outside this, the affairs of trained nurses will frequently present problems for consideration, and possibly for representation to the body governing the registration of future nurses. The good fellowship also fostered by belonging to an association of people all interested in the same life work is of the greatest value, as well as pleasure. And so we hope that for their own sakes, as well as for that of the N.Z.T.N. Association in general, all nurses in New Zealand will assist in building up a useful and influential organisation from which all party feeling, either with regard to local interests or political questions, may be entirely eliminated.—EDITOR.]

St. Helen's, Auckland

Mrs. Dyer, on behalf of Mrs. Seddon, visited St. Helens on 3rd September, and presented a large photograph of the late Mr. Seddon, suitably framed, to the Hospital of which he was the founder, though he did not live to see the useful work progressing there. The photograph will be hung in the entrance hall.

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