

date and give those in administrative positions training to act as teachers in the larger hospitals, and he thought there should be no serious difficulty in arranging this between the Department, the hospitals, and some school of learning. Another question was that of the maternity nurse in relation to the qualification for midwifery. Difficulty had arisen through the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board not recognising all hospital training as midwives, that was, in taking full charge of obstetric cases, and this had given rise to dissatisfaction in some quarters. It must be remembered that the Registration Board was a statutory body created by Parliament, and not under the control of the Department. The Nurses' Association had representation on this, and it was for them to bring pressure, if they saw fit, to alter the qualification. It must be remembered, however, that in some of the smaller hospitals there was no opportunity for training midwifery nurses to take cases without a doctor, and it must be borne in mind that New Zealand had reciprocal relations with Great Britain, so that our nurses' registration was recognised there, and care must be taken not to depreciate the value of the qualifications of nurses in New Zealand. Mr. Young assured the Conference he would be pleased to hear anything they might like to lay before him at the conclusion of their meetings.

Dr. Valintine also spoke briefly and welcomed the visitors and said that in the matter of the higher training of nurses arrangements might develop in connection with the University, though it might not be Otago.

Miss Pengelly, on behalf of the Conference, thanked the Minister and Dr. Valintine for their presence.

She then welcomed the delegates to this the tenth Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association. "These meetings," she continued, "gain in importance each year. By profitable discussion many difficulties can be dealt with satisfactorily. Our chief subject for discussion at present is the question of a post-graduate course for nurses. This course was deleted from the Otago University calendar

since the last conference. Our energetic secretary, Miss Inglis, has had much correspondence on the subject, and I have no doubt that it is largely due to her effort that the matter has been so well ventilated. We hope to have shortly a definite statement with reference to the post-graduate course. Correspondence has been received from the Pan-Pacific Women's Committee with reference to the Conference which is being held in Honolulu in July, 1928. This Committee is anxious that the Trained Nurses' Association should send a delegate. Some nurse taking a trip to Honolulu at that time might be pleased to act as such. If we are unable to send a delegate, it is suggested that one or more members might contribute a paper to be read at the Conference. Since our last Conference we have been honoured by Her Excellency Lady Alice Fergusson consenting to become Patroness of the Association.

We are very glad to welcome two new branches—Taranaki and Wanganui—as part of the Trained Nurses' Association.

Report for the Year 1926-1927.

Since the beginning of the year Her Excellency, Lady Alice Fergusson, has consented to become Patroness of the Association. We are very glad to have her interest and support.

Soon after the last Conference the Association received the disturbing news that the nursing course had been deleted from the calendar of the Otago University. The University Council stated that they would be prepared to reinstate it if satisfactory financial aid were obtained, but in the meantime there would be no such course at the Otago University. The Association, since then, has tried in every way to obtain the necessary assistance. The Auckland University was approached and a deputation from the Auckland Branch of the Association waited upon the Chancellor and Council. They expressed themselves as willing to institute a post-graduate course in Auckland if aid were given. The Minister of Health was then approached through Dr. Valintine, and he promised to make a recommendation to Cabinet. After wait-