Church in Brooklyn, called during the meeting and extended the greeting of their organization. An admirable address, calling attention to the sympathetic relations existing between woman and the medical profession was delivered by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, honorary president of the Women's Federation. Responses were made by President W. H. Wright of Baltimore, Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams of Chicago, Dr. C. W. Childs of Washington, D. C., and Dr. H. F. Gamble of Charleston, W. Va.

The night session drew out an audience that tested the capacity of the Assembly hall. The principal feature of the long an interesting programme was a scholarly address by Dr. Daniel H. Williams of Chicago on "Crushing Injuries of the Extremities," illustrating his subject by forty stereopticon views showing typical cases of such injuries occurring in his own practice, and in which seemingly incurable fractures and lesions had been successfully treated. The lecture was something out of the ordinary and was greatly appreciated by the association. Dr. J. E. Hunter of Kentucky discussed the paper at length, and upon motion of Dr. Childs of Washington, a vote of thanks was tendered the author.


THE DENTAL SECTION

An interesting meeting was held separately by the dental section, with Dr. W. S. Lofton, presiding, and three special topics of inquiry along dental lines were discussed.

At this morning's session, the concluding technical addresses were delivered by well-known physicians. This afternoon the election of officers will take place, and the place for the next convention will be selected. Tonight the convention season will close with a reception at Murray Hill Lyceum, Thirty-fourth Street and Third Avenue.

Two white physicians, Dr. Robert Reyburn and Dr. D. S. Lamb of Washington, D. C., became members of the organization yesterday.


The report of Dr. John A. Kenney of Tuskegee, Ala., showed that there are 1,017 Negro physicians in sixteen States, 168 drug stores, and 36 hospitals operated by and for colored people.

MARY ELIZA MAHONEY FIRST NEGRO NURSE

The April 1954 issue of the American Journal of Nursing, pp. 429-431, carries an interesting biographical sketch of Mary Eliza Mahoney, the United States' first professional Negro nurse, whose memory was honored at the annual convention of the American Nurses Association in Chicago, on April 26. A gold medal awarded to the person who, in the opinion of a panel of distinguished judges, had done most to advance the interest of Negro nurses.

The biographical tribute is by Miss Mary Ella Chayer, author and former professor of nursing at Teachers College, Columbia University. Miss Chayer reveals that Mary Mahoney was born in Boston April 16 (? ) 1845. She died in New England Hospital, Boston, January 4, 1926, at nearly 81 years of age. Miss Mahoney was physically small; weighing only ninety pounds in her prime, but she had indomitable courage and energy. No one not so equipped could have Withstood the fatigue of the 16 hour day and the 7 day week devoted to washing and ironing, cleaning and scrubbing, which was the lot of student nurses of that day. She enrolled in the school of the New England Hospital for Women and Children on March 23, 1878 and completed her 16 months course on August 1, 1879. The gamut of selection survived by Mary Mahoney is interesting. There were 40 applicants for her class. Of these 9 withdrew and 13 were rejected. Half of the 18 who remained were released after trial and of these only 3 received the diploma, to two white girls and Mary Mahoney.

Mary Mahoney made the address of welcome at the first conference of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses in Boston in 1909. Miss Chayer has carefully set forth all available facts about Mary Mahoney and thoughtfully comments, "Miss Mahoney would have been pleased could she have known, before her death, that all barriers had been demolished which had prevented Negro nurses from serving their country in times of war or other disaster." Miss Chayer's article is now the definite reference on Mary Mahoney and the author deserves wide appreciation for her interest and careful scholarship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY

The Second World Congress of Cardiology will meet jointly with the 27th Annual Scientific Session of the American Heart Association in Washington, D. C., September 12-17, 1954.