EDITORIAL

The transference of National Headquarters from Cleveland to Chicago, marking the sixth milestone in our history, presents to us the need for study of the road covered, and serious consideration of the larger path we must now pursue.

Leaving Cleveland means only a change in geographical position, not a severing of ties which bind our association in gratitude and affection to the great 'University Hospitals' which gave it foundation, and extended help throughout early difficult years. Nor will be ever forgotten the devotion of our Headquarters group, who taking up the heavy burden of early organization—superimposed upon busy professional lives—so efficiently carried forward the work of the head office. This devotion multiplied by that of national and state officers, and sustained by the loyalty of our membership is the cause of and reason for the decision of your trustees to provide greater facilities for carrying out an enlarged scheme of activity.

Future plans will, we feel, be easier of accomplishment by our choice of location. Chicago because of its proximity and accessibility to other great cities naturally puts a larger group of members in closer touch with National Headquarters. Also the fact that it is headquarters for major medical and hospital associations, affords opportunity for contacts which will, we feel, promote cooperation and better understanding on common problems.

It is evident that the success of a program, designed to meet the widening needs of our National Organization, will largely depend on the degree of cooperation and help extended by the individual member in her particular state. It is pertinent therefore to suggest avenues through which each of us can create extension of interest.

First: through a campaign to increase membership in all classifications. Think for a moment of the significance of this statement. It not only includes the primary duty to maintain, by fulfilling our obligations, our present membership but implies realization of what it would mean, to every aspect of the work of our organization, if each one of us, by our efforts, could add one qualified nurse anesthetist as an active member and one person eligible for associate membership. Our concerted efforts to accomplish this would absolutely insure the success of any defined program.

Second: by making our association articulate with other professional groups, through the medium of the printed word. This implies not only preparation of instructive papers for our own 'Bulletin'—which is our primary concern—but also by release of such in medical journals, available to us, bring the educational work of the National Association before other and larger medical groups. Excellence of prepared material will admittedly be a determining factor in establishing the reputation of our organization as a precise and valuable contributor in the now challenging field of education. The wealth of clinical material available, providing a rich and intriguing field for research to the student, should make present educational contributions of much future value.

Finally a deepening consciousness in the minds of each of us, that the attitude of the individual member, in sum total, creates the 'Spirit' of the organi-
zation, and the fineness of that 'spirit' is the force that will make secure for our National Association a place of permanent value, in the field of medical service. If in our particular state and within our immediate circle of influence we individually do our part to build up a membership, that can be reckoned as a unit for solidarity of purpose in constant pursuit of the best and counted upon as individuals in constructive efforts to obtain it; the larger way we have now entered shall become a path of widening opportunity and worthwhile success.

ACATHA HOBINS

MID-SOUTH FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

One of the most outstanding meetings of the year was held in Memphis, Tenn., February 16 and 17, 1938, by the Mid-South Post Graduate Nurse Anesthetists Assembly, which meets concurrently with the Mid-South Medical Assembly.

The Mid-South Post Graduate Nurse Anesthetists' Assembly was organized by state groups in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas and the separate state associations comprising this organization are affiliated with the National Association of Nurse Anesthetists. The combined activities make for a more interesting and educational program, and the fact that this meeting is held concurrently with the Mid-South medical group makes it possible for the anesthetists to have as speakers on their program outstanding medical men from all over the country. Through the interest and cooperation of this group it became possible this year to obtain the papers read at the meeting for publication in the National Bulletin.

The Mid-South group is to be congratulated on the progress that is being made and the development of this inter-state group activity which affords a greater opportunity for the discussion of educational problems than would be possible in a small state gathering.

Miss Alice Maurine Sims of Memphis, Tenn., has been for several years Secretary of the Mid-South Post Graduate Nurse Anesthetists' Assembly, and Miss Harriett Hatchett, Fite Hospital, Columbus, Miss., was elected President at this meeting to serve for the year 1938.

LIST OF REGISTRANTS

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Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee

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