

and for the good of the community, we feel sure nothing they need to further their fine national work, or to benefit themselves, will be denied to them.

Next Thursday the London County Council School Nurses, encouraged by their Superintendent, Miss H. L. Pearse, meet in London to form "The School Nurses' League," a movement of the utmost value to these scattered workers. Queen's Superintendents have long enjoyed the charms of association—why not Queen's Nurses also?

Early in each month the nursing journals come pouring in—to scan their interesting contents is all one can do. *The Canadian Nurse* is full of interesting items. A post graduate course in District Nursing has been organised, and will be given in the Home of the Victorian Order of Nurses at Ottawa. Miss Allen, the Chief Lady Superintendent, has been married to Mr. H. Gilbert Vernon-Smith, of the Department of Justice, Ottawa, and Miss Eastwood, Superintendent of the Toronto Branch of the V.O., has been temporarily appointed General Superintendent in her place. A series of articles for the special benefit of private nurses will appear at an early date. That on "The Patient's Friends" will be contributed by Miss Crosby, who made many friends at Paris.

*The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine* is now of quite imposing size, and contains many pages of matter. One of the most interesting items is the "Extracts from a Talk before the Society of Teresians," by Dr. Henry M. Hurd, the Superintendent of the Hospital. Dr. Hurd is welcomed home after a long vacation in Europe, and has much to tell of his inspection of hospitals during his travels.

Of our Cottage Hospitals he says: "I was very much impressed with the excellence of small hospitals, cottage hospitals, and hospitals in the small towns of England. They are well built, well equipped, and apparently well managed. With us such hospitals have a constant struggle for existence. In England they seem to have a very much better appreciation of what is needed to make good small hospitals. I would urge those of you who go out of this school and into such hospitals to insist that the hospitals with which you become connected must have a proper equip-

ment. Unless you can secure this, it is often not worth while to attempt hospital work. In view of the abundance of money in this country we fail to do our duty by the sick unless we insist that every hospital which is opened shall be well equipped to do the work of the hospital. This is as important as to have the hospital properly constructed at the start."

In response to a patient's request for a male nurse, a contemporary reports that the Société des Ambulances Parisiennes sent a man who appropriated money to the amount of 2,250 francs (£90) and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for the offence. The patient, holding that the Société des Ambulances Parisiennes was responsible for the acts of a nurse in its employment, then brought an action against it for the recovery of the money and judgment was given in his favour.

Dr. R. W. Plummer, assistant surgeon, of the United States Naval Medical Service, said recently at Chicago that in order to raise the United States Naval Medical Service to its highest standard of efficiency women nurses should be employed. "Women nurses are best," the speaker said; "the Army has them, and the reports from the Army surgeons show that the medical service has been raised to a higher standard."

A Bill for the establishment and organisation of a corps of trained women nurses for the Navy will be recommended to Congress at the present session, providing that women nurses be employed in naval hospitals on shore in time of peace and on hospital and ambulance ships in time of war.

A husband came home one evening to find a note left for him by his wife. Carelessly he opened it, but as he read his face blanched. "My God!" he exclaimed, "how could this have happened so suddenly?" And, snatching his hat and coat, he rushed to a hospital which was near his home. "I want to see my wife, Mrs. Brown, at once," he said to the head nurse, "before she goes under the ether. Please take my message to her at once." "Mrs. Brown?" echoed the nurse. "There is no Mrs. Brown here." "Then to which hospital has she gone?" asked the distracted husband. "I found this note from her when I came home," and he handed the note to the nurse, who read: "Dear Husband,—I have gone to have my kimono cut out.—BELLE."

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