

her wipe away her tears in the Emperor's ante-room, and then go into him with a smiling face, bringing, as it were, a stream of sunshine into the chamber of suffering, and chasing the look of pain and weariness from the poor patient's countenance. Now Her Majesty took a more active part in the work, and showed herself full of devices for ministering to the Emperor's comfort."

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A KIND reader on the other side of the Atlantic sends me several cuttings from American papers, but, unfortunately, does not give me their names. The following is interesting as showing what Nursing is becoming, and will in the future be, in the United States:—The Training School for Nurses in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania has been in operation for nearly two years. Although comparatively a young enterprise, the well-directed efforts of those in charge have placed the School upon a basis of substantial success; a success which has been manifested by the improved Nursing facilities in the Hospital, and which will be manifested, we feel sure, by those who shall in future go forth as graduates from this School in the capacity of Trained Private Nurses. There are at present thirty-three Nurses in the School, divided into five Head Nurses, and twenty-eight Probationers. The Head Nurses, including the Night Superintendent, respectively have charge of the Men's Surgical, the Women's Medical and Surgical, the Men's Medical Wards and the private floor. Each Head Nurse has her Assistant or Staff Nurse.

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THE pupils are most comfortably quartered in the Nurses' Home, a tasty and suitable structure, built by the liberality of the children of Mrs. Juliana R. Wood, and situated on the premises, adjoining the east wing of the Hospital. Twenty-three of the Nurses have their sleeping-rooms in the Home, while the remainder, including four of the Head Nurses and the Night Superintendent, sleep in the Hospital proper.

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THE instruction is thorough, careful and practical. In addition to the routine training in the Wards, Didactic Lectures are delivered by the Medical Staff and by the Resident Physicians. The Head Nurses give weekly instruction to the Probationers, and Miss Locke lectures once a week to the second year Nurses. During the spring of this year a series of interesting Lectures upon subjects connected with Medical, general and special Surgical Nursing, were delivered by members of the Visiting Staffs of the University and Philadelphia Hospitals to the combined classes of the Training Schools of these Institutions. It is expected that the first

class will graduate about October of this year, when twelve pupils will present themselves for final examination.

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AN interesting feature is the presence in the School of a Sioux Indian girl, sent there by the managers of the Lincoln Home, with the object of having her suitably trained in order that she may go among her own people as a Nurse. In the Hospital she is known as Miss Spider, but her Indian name is Aiyapi, which, being translated, means Walking Leaves. Miss A. L. Locke, recently in charge of one of the departments of the Training School for Nurses in the Philadelphia Hospital, is the head of the School and the Superintendent of the Hospital.

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A KIND correspondent sends me the following interesting information about the teaching of Nurses at the Rotunda Hospital at Dublin. Nurses are taken at that Institution, it seems, as pupils, for a course of six months' training, upon the payment of £20 as "interns," or residents, and £10 as "externs," or non-residents. They receive Lectures every morning at the bed-side, going round with the Doctors and students, and take their turns on duty in the Labour-Ward. On Saturdays the Nurses and Midwives have a special Clinical Lecture given to them separately, by one of the Assistant Masters. They are all obliged to wear print dresses and aprons, but caps are not *de rigueur*. They can have one dress and four aprons a week washed at the expense of the Hospital. During their last month of work they are admitted to the Gynecological Surgery, where out-patients are seen.

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I AM glad to hear of a kind and thoughtful series of events which have lately occurred at Glasgow. A new Nurses' Home has been recently opened in connection with the Royal Infirmary in that town. The managers first set apart some ground for the recreation of the Nurses. The Superintendent, Dr. Thomas, then formed a good tennis court for their use; and, finally, to meet the expense of this, some members of the Staff of the Institution organized two concerts. They were held a few days ago in the large dispensary-hall, and were most successful, and the proceeds were handed to Dr. Thomas.

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THE leading medical journal, the *Lancet*, I see, in a recent number, states that, "The Court of Governors of the Devon and Exeter Hospital had under consideration, on the 20th ult., a report of the Committee appointed in May last for the purpose of framing a scheme for carrying out the

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