

Men who were detailed for orderly duty in the wards were changed from day to day, thus making it impossible to teach them the work, and often it would be 10 a.m. before these men were placed on duty, and many times the wards at night would be left with scarcely a reliable man on duty. Doctors were changed from one ward to another without warning, leaving an interval of hours in many instances when no doctor was in charge, and nurses would have been ordered from one post to another without the slightest regard to the interests of the patients, but that here I asserted my right to interfere, and, except in one instance, my authority was upheld.

I cannot speak too highly of the help afforded by everyone connected with the camp. We experienced no difficulties from red-tapism, as far as the immediate care of the patients was concerned. All stores were freely placed at our disposal, goods were unpacked and dispensed without delay, and my signature was accepted for all requisitions without countersign. We received the most courteous treatment from officers and men. The doctors were efficient and indefatigable, with few exceptions, many of them often performing the duties of orderlies when necessary, always ready to assist the nurses and lighten their burdens.

In closing, I must speak of those who came to our assistance in ways too numerous to mention. We could have had any amount of delicacies for our sick—money, anything we needed. Special nurses were paid for by private individuals; offers of help to wait upon the nurses, to wash dishes, bathe patients, and to take home nurses who were tired out and care for them, we received.

Surely this has been a time to bring forth all the goodness in the hearts of people and make them less selfish. May this same spirit aid us in our efforts to establish in the army a nursing staff that will insure for the defenders of our country at least the same care in sickness that the paupers of our cities are entitled to in our civil hospitals.

Nursing, a Science.

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE celebrated her eightieth birthday last week. It is well known that for many years she has been in feeble health, but all nurses will be unanimous in hoping that for many years to come, a life which has been such a power for good in their profession may be spared. It is always to be remembered that it was Miss Nightingale who claimed for nursing the position of a scientific profession rather than that of a branch of domestic service.

Nursing at the International Congress.

“CORRECT INFORMATION.”

MISS MAULE, the editor of the *Nursing Mirror*, the inset of Sir Henry Burdett's *Hospital Newspaper*, represents that publication on the Press Sub-Committee for the International Congress, and it is to be regretted that she has not availed herself of the opportunity thus afforded her to obtain accurate information concerning the arrangements for the Nursing Sessions, which will be held in connection with the Congress, and that instead of furthering the interests of the Congress she should endeavour to dissuade trained nurses from attending it. Such tactics speak for themselves, but as I am informed that the following sensible resolution was proposed and agreed to by the Committee of Arrangements of the International Congress, concerning the inaccurate statements which have appeared from time to time in the *Hospital*, may I be permitted space in the columns of the **NURSING RECORD** to give your readers correct information as to the programme of the Nursing Section.

RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

“That no direct notice be taken of incorrect statements in the press, but that correct information should be supplied as occasion arises.”

The Congress promises to be of inestimable value to the nursing profession, and it will, indeed, be a privilege to be able to be present. One inaccuracy published in the *Nursing Mirror*, is that the Nursing Session is only to occupy 2½ hours, and that for practical purposes, therefore, it can have no real importance.

The truth is, as Miss Maule should be aware, that the whole of Friday, 30th of June, is to be devoted to the Nursing Sessions.

MORNING SESSION.

Westminster Town Hall,

Friday, June 30th.,

10.30 a.m., Mrs. Creighton presiding.

Paper 1.—“The Professional Training and Status of Nurses.” By Mrs. Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Asylums, New Zealand.

Paper 2.—“Naval and Military Nursing.” By Mrs. Quintard, Superintendent of Nurses, St. Luke's Hospital, New York, Superintendent of Nursing at Camp Wikoff (late Hispano-American War).

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