

THE "Helen C. Juilliard"—so named in honour of the lady who gave 32,000 dollars for her construction—is a floating hospital, which was launched at Brooklyn with imposing ceremonies. Instead of a bottle of champagne being broken over the bow of the vessel, several carrier-pigeons were liberated—a pretty Japanese custom. During the hot season this hospital ship carries sick children down the river every day, returning in the evening. She carries doctors and nurses, and everything possible is done to promote the welfare of the children. The ship, which is maintained by St. John's Guild, New York City, must be a palace of delight to the sick children to whom she will certainly be a health-giving, life-saving, friend.

THREE of the nursing Sisters of the All Saints' Community are leaving England shortly for India to re-inforce the Sisters who are working in Bombay. The nursing of the European, the Jamsetjee and the Kama hospitals in that city is all in the hands of the All Saints' Community, so that additional help will be very welcome.

AT a recent meeting in aid of the All Saints' Mission to Bombay, Sir Charles Ollivant, Member of Council, K.C.I.E., I.C.S., said:—"For nine years I have been a resident in Bombay, and have a general knowledge of the hospitals, and wish to say that the Sisters have revolutionized hospital treatment there. When I went out in 1881, the patients depended altogether upon the unskilled nursing of ward boys, while now they are well cared for, thanks entirely to the unselfish efforts of the Sisters. And not only so, but what they have done in Bombay has permeated all India, and the Sisters may take to themselves the credit of being pioneers in the work of nursing."

I HAVE two words to speak; one, of the confidence the All Saints' Sisters have earned from the community of Bombay. The Government at the present time is not in a position to do much, being nearly bankrupt; but they have not forgotten the demands and claims the nurses have upon them; they have sanctioned new quarters for them, and are not at all unmindful of the labours of the Sisters.

MR. WYNDHAM FORREST also said that he had been in Bombay for thirty years, and had had an unequalled opportunity for hearing about, and seeing the work of the All Saints' Sisters, and had been a good deal connected with them in their work of nursing in hospitals and at the convalescent homes. He felt he was only dis-

charging a simple debt of gratitude in coming to speak of it.

IN 1884 the Sisters took charge of the European General Hospital where, until then, there had been no regular nursing staff, only two nurses and ward boys. Now there is a staff of forty-five nurses, thirty-three in hospital, and twelve doing private nursing.

TWELVE years ago the Community took charge of the nursing in the Jamsetjee Hospital, and they now have thirty nurses there. They train native nurses for up-country states, and send out private nurses to native families.

You know what trained nursing has done in England. I cannot say too much of what it has done in India. There, where we all suffer so much from fever, nursing is even more important than here. The number of lives saved in Bombay by nurses trained by the Sisters is very great. There is no more valuable work than that done by the private nurses, and, of course, also by those working in the hospitals. I feel that while thanking the Sisters I have partly come here to express, on behalf of the Bombay people, all our thanks for this work.

IN 1897, during the Plague, and when the death-rate (official) was 300 a day, a Sister was asked to come and organize the work of nursing. Then another Sister came, and then six who worked by themselves at first, and then asked for volunteers. They worked from January or February to April or May, when English nurses came out. The work the Sisters did was enormous. I am sorry to say the Bombay Government never acknowledged the work they did at a time when everyone thought that to go near the Plague was to die. Later on, when the English nurses came and worked, they had the Order of St. John of Jerusalem bestowed upon them, and I felt it my duty, as well as a pleasure, to represent the work of the Sisters and nurses. I wrote to the Governor of Bombay and have seen Lord George Hamilton. I am confident that later some recognition will be made.

READERS of the NURSING RECORD will remember that the pioneer plague work done by the Sisters was reported in these columns at the time. We hope that they, as well as the nurses, who, when they left England, also thought the work which they were undertaking an extremely perilous one, will receive the recognition they have certainly merited.

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