

Mr. George Lynch, a *Daily Express* correspondent in China with the international troops, writes from Ho-hsi-wu:—"Next I came on the Japanese Field Hospital Corps—a little army in itself, with the most beautifully complete equipment of its kind I have ever seen. There is nothing to compare with it in any other army here. Light, neat, serviceable, there is not an inch of space wasted or an ounce of unnecessary weight."

Mr. Lynch continues:—"I am inclined to think that the Japanese have probably the best army in the world to-day, because, in addition to assimilating ideas that could be usefully learnt in Europe, they have really improved upon them by the neat and practical way they have carried them out. They would be ideal soldiers composing an army such as the world has never, perhaps, seen, but for one great blot. The baser metal of their cruelty is perpetually showing through the electro-plating of their civilisation. Taking the Allied forces all round, there is none that can lecture them without an opening for a reply—tu quoque. A horrible lust of cruelty has developed throughout the private soldiery of all nationalities, and pervaded them like some subtle miasma emanating from this evil-smelling land. Tommy Atkins is no aureoled twentieth-century edition of St. George, but there are things done by some of his companions-in-arms that he sticks at."

This is sad reading for the so-called Christian nations of Europe, whose armies are thus shaming God and humanity.

It is of interest to learn that the British authorities in China have applied to the Sisters of the Community of St. Peter's, Kilburn, who are engaged in hospital work at Seoul, Corea, in connection with Bishop Corfe's Mission, for help in nursing the British sick and wounded, and that three trained nurses, working in connection with the Mission, have responded to the appeal and have proceeded to Wei-hai-wei. They are Miss Cameron, Miss Mills, and Miss Unwin. It is satisfactory to know that the skilled services of these nurses are available for the nursing of British soldiers in China, for we hear very little of any arrangements for providing trained nursing for the sick and wounded there, who, nevertheless, need it, and have as great a claim on the nation, as those "broke in our wars" in South Africa. This is but one more instance of the benefits conferred incidently by Missions upon the community. It frequently happens abroad that the services of nurses attached to the staff of Foreign Missions render invaluable assistance to the resident European population.

The American Nursing World.

News has come to us in New York that our colleagues at Galveston have been rendered almost destitute by the terrific devastation of the storm in Texas. Two nurses were drowned—Miss Ella Rhodes, and Miss Annie Davis; the latter died a truly heroic death whilst rendering assistance to the sick. The well known John Sealy Hospital was seriously damaged, but the Citizens Committee were able to arrange part of it to receive the maimed and sick. All the hospitals have either been swept away, seriously damaged, or are in complete ruins, and stories of the suffering and heroism of Roman Catholic Sisters and trained nurses are now fully authenticated. The Catholic Orphan Asylum entirely disappeared, and it is supposed that the poor little children and the Sisters were all drowned, being swept out into the Gulf when the waters receded. The battered bodies of some of these poor victims have been found. It is said that as the waters rose, these heroic women thought only of their little charges. They tied the children in bunches, and then each Sister fastened herself to a batch of children—determined to save their lives or perish together. There are none alive to tell us of this appalling hour, but two of these batches of victims have been found tied together under wreckage—the Sisters dying at their posts with the devoted courage of real mothers.

Sympathy has been aroused from one end of the United States to the other, and doctors and nurses were soon on the spot. On the first relief train, which was loaded with food and clothing for the destitute remnant of the inhabitants, were Dr. Guen. R. Hulshizer, of Philadelphia, and Dr. E. P. Kennedy, of the Jefferson Hospital, and eight of the hospital's nurses. Miss Katherine Rogers was placed in charge, and since their arrival many other trained nurses have offered their services.

Interest is being already widely aroused in the States and Canada, in the Nurses' Congress and Exhibition which it is proposed to hold in Buffalo in the fall of next year. Miss Annie Damer, the President of the Nurses' Association at Buffalo, has been appointed a Member of the Board of Women Managers of the Pan-American Exposition, and will be an admirable representative for trained nurses. The beautiful buildings are already beginning to make their appearance on the shores of Lake Erie, and the plan of the Exposition is on a very fine scale, after the fashion of the never-to-be-forgotten World's Fair at Chicago. "STARS AND STRIPES."

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