

administered, and see that proper nourishment is provided whether by direct orders or otherwise—in short, doing everything in her power for her patient's comfort."

The following is an extract from a letter from Florence Nightingale to Lady Aberdeen in commendation of district nursing work:—

"Let me gladly add myself as a witness of experience here to the great blessing which the trained district nurse has been to the sick poor.

"If you are able to maintain the high standard for your nurses which you have done, and succeed in attracting good young women to enter upon the work, there can be no doubt that it will get on and prosper. Difficulties and trials there must be, but if so noble an object, it is worthy the expenditure of such labour and patience."

From the hospital training-school the area of the trained nurse's work has become extended to private nursing (nursing the well-to-do), and latterly to that far more numerous class of patients who are either entirely destitute, or able to make a small contribution for the services of a nurse, and yet who are not fit subjects for hospital treatment.

It is especially, and above all, to this last class that the trained district nurse has proved so great a benefit. For the duties of the district nurse more experience, more self-denial, is wanted than for those of a hospital nurse or private practice, who have the doctor always at hand to refer to, and have all the appliances of hospital or home at the service of the patient.

The success of district nursing depends, more than in hospital and private practice, upon the character of the nurse, and the character of the nurse depends more upon the nature of her training and the continuance of those helps, physical and moral, which that training has supplied to her.

The total number of associations doing this work in America is fifty-three; the number of nurses employed 130.

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An International Congress in London.

At the Guildhall in the third week in July will be held the International Congress for the Welfare and Protection of Children. Lord Beauchamp will preside, and the King and Princess Louise have consented to be patrons. There are to be three sections—the medical, the legislative, and the educational and philanthropic. The congress will be the continuation of a series inaugurated at Paris some years ago and held in various Continental cities, including Florence (1896) and Budapest (1899). Good nurses are all lovers of children, and those who can find time to attend this Congress will be much interested.

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The Mosaic laws—Comparison with sanitary and hygienic measures of to-day.

Hindu medicine:

The Bramins and Buddhists—First authentic record in the history of hospitals.

Greek medicine:

The Gods of medicine and their temples; pilgrimages thither of the sick. Superstitions, charms, incantations.

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Study of the ecclesiastical machinery of that period.

The Hotel Dieu at Paris—Outline of its history.

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First founded at Canterbury—St. Bartholomew's in 1100—St. Thomas's—Christ's Hospital—Guy's.

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