

visitor, and that all legitimate relationships which may follow from her introduction as a nurse shall be allowed to take place.

It is good from this point of view that the patient should know the home of the nurse, and that the nurse should be intelligent about the housing conditions, the educational provisions, and the social life of the neighbourhood in which she works and lives.

From this motive has come the opportunity for the settlement to show where the neighbourhood has been neglected, and to bring into communication the different elements of society that go to make up a great city. We think and feel sincerely that the relationship is reciprocal, that we are partaking of the larger life, that society in general has closed the avenues that lead to this knowledge, and that the different elements of society need one another.

The well meaning employer needs his interpreter, and the people of such neighbourhoods as our own should have their point of view considered and given dignified place in the councils of the public-spirited. This is the ideal of democracy, the best "Spirit of the Times," and in its accomplishment we have responsibility and privilege—our share in speeding the realisation of the unity of society, the brotherhood of man.

The numerical record of work done through the settlement for one year was :

NURSING WORK.

Three thousand nine hundred and ninety-one calls for nurses to the homes of the sick ; 26,600 nursing visits made ; 12,694 cases treated in three First Aid Rooms ; 225 convalescents entertained in the Country Home.

SOCIAL WORK.

Thirty-five clubs, from kindergarten classes to clubs of married women ; dancing school, four classes ; singing classes ; private theatricals ; concerts ; gymnasium ; fresh air work.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Kindergarten ; reference library ; sewing, crocheting, &c. ; basketry ; carpentry ; carving ; housekeeping classes (including cooking, laundry, &c.) ; home nursing ; civics — municipal and national government.

A Well-earned Rest.

General regret is expressed at the resignation of Mrs. Curnow, who has been Matron of the Darlington Fever Hospital since 1874. Mrs. Curnow was trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary under Miss Agnes Jones, and has thus been connected with the nursing profession for about thirty years.

The American Nursing World.

THE QUESTION OF STATE REGISTRATION

The nurses in England who are working for State Registration may be interested in following the steps of our New York State Society. Truly they are like the steps of children learning to walk, yet so far we have not had our first fall and bump. At the recent meeting held in Utica, the chief interest centred in the report given by Miss Allerton, the chairman of the Legislative Committee. She reported conferences with the Regents, with medical men, and with members of the Legislature, and the gratifying fact that a senator had offered of his own accord to take charge of our Bill. This was most satisfactory, as he is a man specially interested in questions of this kind, and better qualified for such a purpose than anyone else. The Regents suggest that we decide on a title, the letters of which shall designate the nurse as M.D. designates the physicians. This we must at first bestow with generous breadth, but year by year we must make the requirements for its possession more stringent. It all sounds encouraging and quite easy, does it not? But we will, no doubt, be defeated at first even in this modest attempt.

So far the attitude of our physicians has been altogether lovely. I do not believe they will attempt any *control*, nor that they even think it desirable to do so.

At our next meeting in October, in Rochester, we expect to have a "big time."

The Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will meet in Detroit, September 9th, 10th, and 11th, Mr. Greter presiding.

STARS AND STRIPES.

Miss Eugénie M. Hibbard, writing from Cuba says:—"The late change in the Government has kept everyone in an unsettled condition, but the question of retaining the American graduate nurses is now closed by an official order, which states that all engagements with Americans in official positions in the island would be cancelled on June 30th, *except the nurses*, who would be retained, as their services were required."

Writing from Cape Mount, Liberia, Africa, Miss Agnes P. Mahoney, an American graduate, describes an epidemic of small-pox. As no doctor was within call when the disease broke out in a boys' school, and twenty-six boys developed the rash, Miss Mahoney went into quarantine with them, and treated as well as nursed them. The native belief is that if a broad chalk mark is placed round the heart the disease will not cross a vital spot, so all the boys had drawn a ring around where they supposed their hearts were. All the cases eventually recovered.

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