

Johns Hopkins Alumnae Magazine, that as far back as June, 1901, a description was given in the *American Journal of Nursing*, by Miss Ruth Sherman, of the work of a medical student whom Dr. Osler had appointed to follow and visit in their homes all consumptive patients coming to the Dispensary of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for treatment. At that time we stated our hope that an opportunity to do this useful work might some day fall to the lot of the nurses, and it is therefore with peculiar pleasure that we inform our readers of the fulfilment of our hopes. Miss Rieba Thélin, a graduate of the class of 1903, volunteered to carry out this work regularly for the coming year, and it has been therefore transferred from the medical student to her, and funds have been provided by Dr. Osler, supplemented by the gift of a friend interested in the work. House-to-house visiting, teaching of the patients and their families, united with suitable nursing care and proper aid in the way of food, &c., for the sick, when necessary, will now be carried on systematically; and as the list of names presented to Miss Thélin on entering upon her duties December 1st numbered forty patients, her time will be fully occupied. Indeed, we see already room for another nurse in this work, and hope somebody else will volunteer, while at the same time the Lord puts it into somebody's heart to provide for her maintenance. Of all efforts of which we have any knowledge for the prevention of this disease, our faith in the visitation and supervision of those homes stands highest.

The Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals has memorialised the Russian and Japanese Governments to extend to those who after a battle tend wounded horses the same protection as is accorded by the Geneva Convention to those who succour wounded soldiers.

The Nurses' Bill.

On Thursday, February 4th, the Bill promoted by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was balloted for, but was not one of those fortunate enough to procure a place which affords a reasonable hope of an early second reading.

During the past week the friends of the Bill have been busy, both inside and outside the House, in furthering its interests, and it is gratifying to learn the opinion expressed by many Members of Parliament that they consider the Registration of Nurses a desirable measure, and that the Bill submitted to them contains nothing to which they can take exception; indeed, many of them have been good enough to say that they consider it an excellent Bill.

The Hospital World.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL, BORDEAUX.

An interesting ceremony recently took place at Bordeaux, when M. Lulaud, Prefect of the Gironde, presided at St. Andrew's Hospital at the inauguration of the new nursing school.

The Prefect was received by Dr. Lande and members of the Administrative Commission besides a great number of doctors and the chief officials of various hospitals, after which he inspected the wards of the hospital to be nursed by the pupils of the school. The latter are fourteen in number, with four head nurses. The Directress is Mme. Steffhaann. Three of the certificated head nurses were trained at the Protestant Hospital at Bordeaux, the fourth holds the certificate of a Dutch training-school.

The uniform of the head nurses and pupils is the same, very simple and pleasing. The dress is pale blue, and the bib of the white apron is held in place by straps crossing at the back. The head nurses are distinguished from the pupils by a white brassard, bearing a St. Andrew's cross in blue.

Everyone remarked on the perfect appearance of the two wards at present nursed by the school. After the quarters appropriated to the school had been inspected, the visitors, including Dr. Hamilton and the pupils of the Protestant School and the nursing staff of the hospital, reassembled in the Hall.

In a few words the Mayor, in his capacity as President of the Commission of Hospitals, thanked the Prefect for his kind co-operation, and said that in organising this school the municipality and the Commission had been glad to respond to the wish of the Government. He expressed warm appreciation of the work of the directors and of the school in co-operating with the progress of medicine and science, and said that in these days devotion and self-abnegation did not alone suffice; there must be added to these qualities expert knowledge. It was to meet this want that the school had been organised. If its formation roused some objections, or affronted some susceptibilities, it must be realised that the work of charity excluded no one, and that it belonged as much to the lay woman as to the religious. Both had the right to devote themselves to the service of their neighbours.

The Prefect, in reply, thanked the Mayor, and in the name of humanity, and of the Government, urged the Commission to maintain and develop the new school, for it had no rival in France. For the rest, the co-operation of the Government had been secured for this work, and would be maintained notwithstanding all obstacles.

M. Lulaud concluded by congratulating the Hospital Commission, the medical staff of the hospital, Mme. Steffhaann, Dr. Hamilton, and the pupils of the school, whose example would, he said, be certainly followed by other Frenchwomen.

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