

There must be the moral teaching, the practical teaching of the heart, which tests the moral value of persons, and there must be the technical teaching which will fit French nurses to take a more responsible place. In France we have a hundred thousand teachers for our four to five million children. How many nurses have we to care for our hundreds of thousands of sick? A corps of nurses does not exist. It is a hope which needs to be realised. We have no body of women prepared—ready to nurse the sick. We must create it. I desire that the technical education of our nurses, added to the qualities and general education which they should possess, may give them a recognised position in the medical corps.

"The medical corps, as I understand it, should comprise all those who unite in the care of the sick. There is a close relation between physician, surgeon, and nurse. . . . Our nurses must be women of recognised position, must have an importance of their own. They must be the honoured collaborators of physicians and surgeons, esteemed as equal to all those who give their science, their lives, and themselves to the succour of the suffering.

"I feel that the 'Assistance publique,' like all other public bodies, can learn much from small institutions, little known as they may be, but which set the example and show the way to those charged with heavier responsibilities—especially the weighty burden of the hospitals of Paris.

"Your school must grow. It must prepare for the provincial hospitals women capable of directing and of training other women as nurses. This is an urgent need. Every day I receive pressing demands which I cannot satisfy. Our present nurses are not numerous enough, and have not all of the necessary qualities. Moreover, the Parisians are unwilling to go into the provinces. But your pupils, having received their education with the purpose of carrying it into hospital work, should be able to go into numerous cities where they are needed and wished for.

"For myself, I shall continue to evolve my school. I hope to open it in eighteen months from now. In the meantime I will prepare the regulations, the conditions of admission, the duration of the teaching period; and I trust that the bonds between the 'Assistance publique' and you will not be broken, that you will aid me in the formation of this school by giving me your experience, for which, as now, I shall always be deeply grateful."

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H.E.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg will preside at a meeting, convened by the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Friday, November 4th, at 2.45 p.m. The object is to place before the public the urgent need of training an adequate supply of midwives. The Archbishop of Canterbury will preside. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, Dacre House, New Tothill Street, S.W.

The American Nursing World.

With the October issue the *American Journal of Nursing* enters on a new year and a new phase of existence. We now find the principal editorial comments on the first and following pages of the paper, instead of in an obscure place at the back of the journal. We still have the editor's miscellany nearer the end dealing with all sorts and conditions of subjects, and it goes without saying that the paper is full of interesting articles and paragraphs on practical and professional subjects. Our American colleagues have made a splendid success of their journal; we can only wish that its prosperity may continue according to this beginning. The following items of news are culled from its pages.

Miss Hibbard, who is in charge of the hospital of the Panama Commission, has organised the nursing department on the eight-hour system for day nurses and ten hours for night duty. Registered nurses are to receive preference in selection. Nurses for this service must expect crude conditions in the beginning, and it is useless for anyone to go out who cannot endure hardship and meet trials bravely, and be able to work with others without friction. The hospital is beautifully situated, and Miss Hibbard describes the climate as very delightful.

At a meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses, Miss Anna B. Rutherford, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School for Nurses, was elected President, and Miss Mary C. Packard, a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Katharine de Long, a Johns Hopkins graduate, after spending a year and a-half in Paris and vicinity, has decided to open up in that city a small home for nurses. While this is established with the intention of making a comfortable headquarters for nurses of the Johns Hopkins School, it may perhaps be open to some others who would like to avail themselves of such an establishment. The house will be opened at the end of November.

Miss Katherine Tuk, of Ohio, Miss Lily Smith, of Canada, and Miss Nancy Smith, of Virginia, all graduates of the Johns Hopkins Class of 1900, sailed in September for France, where they expect to do private nursing in Paris.

Bishop Rowe, of Alaska, writes that he is in need of at least two or three additional trained nurses on his staff. He has at the present time six missionary hospitals in various parts of Alaska. The good bishop particularly wants help for Circle City, on the Yukon, for Valdey, on the southern coast, and at Ketchi-kau. Nurses who are interested in mission work will no doubt soon flock to his standard.

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