

provided the means to continue it. Last year 279 patients came under the nurse's care, and she made about 2,000 visits. More important, says Miss Nutting, than any statistics is the fact that patients are found faithfully carrying out, amid great difficulties, the instructions of the nurse, as to fresh air, proper food, and disinfection, and they are even found passing on this gospel to their neighbours.

THE ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC.

The Visiting Nurse of the Orthopædic Clinic is doing equally important work. Miss Nutting states:—

She has now nearly 100 children on her list whom she visits as frequently as possible. Twenty-five of these little children are in braces, twenty in plaster casts, and others receiving various forms of treatment in their own homes. . . . Ordinarily it is difficult to persuade these patients to come to the clinics owing to their peculiar dread of a hospital. A friendly sympathetic visit by the nurse does away with much of this prejudice. The fact that a visiting nurse is sent out by the hospital appeals to the poor. There is not a district in Baltimore now where she is unknown. Letters and telephone messages frequently come to the hospital inquiring for the 'children's nurse.' There is not a week or hardly a day that word is not left at the home of a patient by a friend or neighbour for the nurse to come and see a crippled child. This new development of the work and that of following up cases who have dropped out, probably discouraged with the prolonged treatment and slow results, could keep a second nurse quite busy.

After referring to the introduction of the nurse into public schools, with its important bearing upon the education of the children as well as upon their health, as one of the most progressive movements of the time, Miss Nutting summed up the position as regards the Visiting Nurse thus:—

VISITING NURSING.

At the recent convention of nurses held in Washington, an entire day was given over to papers and discussions upon the various aspects of this work of visiting nurses. At one of the sessions about 600 nurses were present, and it was noted that no other subject during the whole convention drew as large an audience or aroused anything like as deep an interest and enthusiasm as this. At a time when there is so high an appreciation of material rewards in almost all the professions, it is gratifying and reassuring to see the steady recruiting of the ranks of nurses who devote themselves to the service of those struggling under the double burden of sickness and poverty. It is a work of a very high order, and the women who do it are generally of a very high order too, or they would not be strong enough resolutely to set aside the larger financial gains which they could so easily command, and the com-

forts and pleasures which such gains bring. It is the growth of this spiritual quality among our students and graduates which we desire and would foster, the quality which contributes most to the ennobling of human relationships.

GRATUITOUS TEACHING.

Miss Nutting concluded her address with the following reference to the gratuitous teaching given in the school:—

We acknowledge with gratitude this year, as in previous years, the constant and valuable assistance in teaching which the school receives from the physicians of the staff. . . . This question of gratuitous teaching is one of the really serious stumbling-blocks in the proper development not only of this but of almost all training-schools. However necessary such a method may have been in the early days of training-school work, there is neither excuse nor justification for its continuance to-day. Little in the way of good results can be expected from a method which places an important part of the teaching on so unsound and uncertain a basis.

PRESENTATION TO DR OSLER.

When it became known that Dr. Osler had been appointed Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, and would consequently leave Baltimore, and sever his connection with the Johns Hopkins Hospital, many suggestions were made to the officers of the Nurses' Alumnae connected with that celebrated training-school that some acknowledgment should be made by the graduate nurses of Dr. Osler's many kindnesses to them, both in and out of training. "It was felt also," says the *Alumnae Magazine*, "that this acknowledgment might convey a sense of the privilege the nurses as a whole consider it has been, to be associated in some small measure with Dr. Osler in his hospital work during these years of his leadership."

Mrs. Osler's aid was enlisted in the selection of an acceptable remembrance. At her suggestion it was decided to purchase a desk set in silver. The set consisted of a tray with capacious ink-bottles and pen tray, pens, a blotter, stick-file, and stamp box. Dr. Osler had himself expressed a wish to meet the nurses before his departure, and Miss Nutting arranged a very delightful reception in the Nurses' Home, at which Dr. Osler spoke a few characteristic words.

He subsequently sent his thanks to all the graduates in the following letter:—

"I appreciate their kind thought of me more than I can well express. My relations with the nurses have always been so pleasant, and I have always so felt the importance of their work, that this testimony of their love and esteem touches me deeply. They will continue to have my sincere interest in their work. Do express to the graduates my heartfelt thanks."

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