

opinion that the scale of fixed charges used at present by nurses was not correct—that like physicians nurses should charge according to the means of the patients. In this way the difficulty of the small wage-earner would be met and that in the long run the nurse would average up financially as well as under the present system.

The evening session, conducted by Miss Hitchcock, of the Nurses' Settlement, New York, was somewhat curtailed by the closing of the conference, which occurred the same evening. A good deal of discussion was lost, but the papers read were of great interest, showing the rapid advance of nursing since the last conference of Portland.

The history of school nursing as carried on in New York, was given by Miss Lina B. Rogers, the first nurse to introduce this branch of district nursing, and now in charge of the work in New York.

It is hoped by the nurses that a little more time can be given them at the next conference, and that more co-workers will express their opinions at the meetings.

Miss Jamme, says the Editor of our contemporary, makes no mention of her own paper, "The Visiting Nurse in Co-operative Work," which was thoroughly interesting and in a marked way, suggestive. The following statement of the spread of the visiting nursing associations throughout the United States is condensed from a report compiled for the committee by Miss Y. G. Waters, of the Henry Street Settlement, New York—the first survey of the kind made.

An abstract of the statistical table of Visiting Nursing in the United States, compiled for the conference by Miss Y. L. Waters, of the Nurses' Settlement, New York, shows that twenty-six states have visiting nursing organisations. These are represented by 171 different associations, in 110 cities or towns, and engage, in all, the services of 445 trained nurses. The States that show the greatest activity in this service are:—Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Connecticut. The largest nursing centres in the cities are:—

	Associations.	Nurses.
New York	22	140
Chicago	2	29
Boston	6	23
Philadelphia	4	21
Baltimore	5	18
San Francisco	5	12

A new society, called the "Society of Sisters of the Far East," has been formed in St. Petersburg to assist those Sisters who have returned from the seat of war from sickness or other cause, because many on their return home have found their places filled up and they are thus without means of support.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



It has been decided, as a memorial to nurses and students who have died while in the service of the hospital, to fill the eight recesses on the north and south side walls of the Chapel at Guy's Hospital with figures carried out in opus sectile and mosaic work, and to fill the intervening spaces with oak panels bearing the names of those who have died. At each of the corners of the memorial are to be angels—the Angel of Healing, the Angel of the Annunciation, the Angel of the Resurrection, and the Angel of the Ascension. On one side are to be representations of St. Mary Magdalen and Phœbe, and on the other of Mary and Martha. A sum of £550 will be required to carry out the scheme, nearly half of which has been subscribed.

A novel out-patient at the Charing Cross Hospital at the present time, says a contemporary, is "Dolly," a monkey now living wrapped up in cotton-wool in a cage in the zoological stables at the Coliseum. This is the second monkey that has been treated at Charing Cross Hospital, the first being Esau, the performing chimpanzee, who unsuccessfully sought admission as an in-patient. "Dolly" is one of the trained troupe of animals performing at the Coliseum, and became ill about a week ago. At the hospital Dr. Strickland saw her. "She is very human in her ways," he said to the representative of the Coliseum. "I asked her where was the pain. It was not necessary for her to be able to speak to tell me. She indicated where at once, and seemed to know I was going to help her." The cause of the trouble was an abscess, which was lanced after an anæsthetic had been administered. "Dolly" attended the hospital daily, and was getting on all right, till a high temperature gave indications of pneumonia, for which, enveloped in cotton-wool, she is now being treated.

Mr. Frederick Wood, who for the past seven years has been Assistant Secretary at the Brompton Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, has been appointed Secretary in the place of Mr. W. H. Theobald, who has resigned, after a connection with the hospital of over fifty years.

Sir Patrick Manson, K.C.M.G., physician to the Colonial Office in London, who is about to commence his series of lectures at Cooper College in San Francisco, says that "The large cities in America are deplorably unhealthy. In London such conditions would not be allowed for a single day."

In connection with the West Lancashire Infectious Hospital, the small-pox tents have, it is stated, proved one of the most economical investments of the West Lancashire Rural District Council.

With the requisite labour they can be erected and ready for use in twenty-four hours, and accommodation is provided for eight patients in the hospital tent, proper. Adjoining is the servants' tent, and close at

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