

2nd. Promptitude in obedience. He left Egypt at a moment's notice.

3rd. Faith. God will work more with us if He finds we depend on Him, and He hides Himself from those who have not asked for His help.

4th. Justice not to judge others, and justice to ourselves and our souls. Do we give them time?

5th. Simplicity of character.

6th. Serenity. Cheerfulness in carrying out the will of God. Doing our work cheerfully and joyfully.

After the address was over, the nurses (about 25 in number) walked across to the Cathedral for Benediction, which was given by the Rev. Father Cuthbert, O.S.F.C.

On their return to the Settlement, the room, which had been used for the Conference, was turned by fairy hands into a delightful tea-room—dainty tables of all sizes all over the room, with spotless white covers, delicious hot buttered scones, cakes, and sweet-smelling spring flowers. This was the social part of the gathering, which gave an opportunity for all those who knew each other to meet, and those who did not to make fresh acquaintances, and perhaps friendships. There was a delightful air of welcome, which was expressed in the sweet faces and manners of the hostesses, and one only felt sorry that any nurses should have been kept away either by their duties or by not being aware of this association.

The Catholic Nurses' Association was formed in the year 1897 under the patronage of the Archbishop of Westminster and the Bishop of Southwark, and was established at the Convent of The Visitation, Harrow-on-the-Hill, where the chief meetings take place the first Friday of every month, and Roman Catholic nurses are received for rest and holidays at a very small charge. But for the convenience of nurses a London branch has been formed for monthly meetings, which take place alternately at 109, St. George's Road, Southwark, and at 15a, Vicarage Gate, Church Street, Kensington, to which all Roman Catholic nurses are cordially invited.

The next meeting will take place at Vicarage Gate on May 16th, at 3.15 p.m., where Miss Gossage resides, and all those who have seen her will know the kindly welcome the guests will receive.

The fifth Annual Conference of the Nurses' Missionary League, which was held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Saturday last, was a very interesting and successful gathering. Addresses were given by mis-

sionaries at intervals throughout the day, so as to suit all nurses. Miss K. Miller, the enthusiastic Secretary, also spoke describing the aims of the League, and urging its claims upon all nurses. She drew attention to a new venture, the Summer Camp for Nurses, which is to be held at Briarcliffe Mundesley from June 19th to June 26th this year. The object is a holiday, combined with a time for conference concerning the work of the Nurses' Missionary League.

Very interesting details of her work in East Africa were given by Mrs. Douglas Hooper, who is a medical woman. She spoke of the great help which a trained nurse could afford her; meanwhile she appears to have trained her native cook into a very efficient substitute. Once, for instance, in her absence, he set the arm of a little girl who had been badly mangled by a crocodile, and so skilfully that she was proud of its subsequent usefulness.

The terrors of a small-pox epidemic amongst unvaccinated natives are well known to all who have lived in Africa, and Mrs. Hooper described how she grappled with one by first vaccinating her husband, so giving the natives confidence in this strange "medicine." There was one conscientious objector, who refused vaccination, and the fact that she died, after a few days, of virulent small-pox, added greatly to the prestige of the white woman's method. A native doctor saw, in the favour with which vaccination was received, an opportunity for money making, and as the village had recently been visited by a lion and some leopards, he issued a proclamation to this effect: "All people who are willing to come to me I will vaccinate them for 8 pice (2d.), so that they shall be safe from the attacks of lions and leopards." The people, considering that if vaccination were good in one case it was probably effective in the other, responded to the invitation in considerable numbers. The method adopted was to scratch the skin of the patient between the toes and then to rub in gunpowder!

An interesting collection of curios from missions in different parts of the world was on view.

The Magpie Madrigal Society will give a concert under the patronage of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, on Wednesday, May 1st, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Westminster, in aid of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, at which Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein

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