

comes unable to count fingers or even to "fix" a bright object when the better eye is covered. After central fixation has been lost, there is rarely any hope of improvement. This first stage lasts as a rule, at least six months. There is, therefore, this time during which there is a good hope of cure, but, unfortunately, the dangers of a squint are still little known, and parents still consider it a habit, "caught from some other child," which can be dealt with adequately by scolding, and when the child is brought to the ophthalmic surgeon, he all too frequently finds that the favourable time has passed, and the vision of the affected eye is hopelessly lost.

It cannot be too strongly impressed on everyone who has to do with children, that a squinting eye is practically a blind eye; even in those comparatively rare cases in which the squinting eye retains good vision, it is never used, and is to almost all intents blind, so long as the fixing eye is uncovered.

When a child loses an eye from an accident our sympathy and pity are at once excited, but a far larger number of eyes are allowed to go blind from squint, and often no steps are taken to attempt to save them. On the other hand, the unhappy child is scolded for a naughty habit, and jeered at by other children, whose humour, under the circumstances, is none the less effective for being primitive. No one expresses sympathy or pity for a squinter.

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### The Paris Conference.

The *Canadian Nurse* gives the welcome information that Miss Eastwood, Lady Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada, will be in Europe at an early date, and hopes she may attend the Paris Conference. Miss Eastwood has made her mark in the Canadian nursing world as a staunch and fearless leader in legislative reform for nurses. Queen's Nurses from this country will specially enjoy making her acquaintance.

A large party of Danish Nurses will join their German colleagues, and travel to Paris in their company. As nurses always travel at half cost in the Fatherland, Sister Karl has beguiled the managers of the French lines to grant the Conference contingent the same privilege through France. This is a concession which will be much appreciated, as the travelling expenses connected with attending Conferences in other countries are a consideration to many nurses.

### The Yellow Pamphlet.

The *Hospital's* little pamphlets are being distributed over here by mail, by the way, an excellent proof that the *Hospital* has no subscribers here to speak of, for, of course, if it had, it would not be necessary to go to the expense of mailing its editorial leaflets.

I have had letters inquiring "Who is responsible for the 'yellow' pamphlet?" You know our use of the term "yellow" as applied to publications: it is a synonym for rank sensationalism, misrepresentation, and vulgarity. The only sentiment the *Hospital* will arouse for its pains is contempt. Their mistake was in not remembering that vulgar journalism only appeals to a vulgar taste, and I am glad to be able to say that American nurses belong to the refined classes.

L. L. Dock.

### International Council of Nurses.

The Nursing Library, which is being collected by the International Council of Nurses at 431, Oxford Street, has been enriched by the gift of bound volumes of the *NURSING RECORD* from the first number up to 1902. The volumes, which have been sent by Miss M. N. Cureton, late Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and one of the Foundation Members of the International Council, are especially valuable, as the early numbers are now out of print, and very difficult to obtain, and as the whole story of the struggle of British nurses for organisation is to be found in the *NURSING RECORD* and the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, an international library must be very incomplete without them.

It is interesting in this connection to record a charming little surprise given to us last year at Copenhagen, when visiting Mrs. Gordon Norrie, another Foundation Member of the International Council. In her sanctum she drew our attention to a complete set of volumes of this Journal, all beautifully bound by her own clever hands.

Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary of the Council, also possesses a complete set.

### The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Miss M. Mollett, Vice-President, will preside at the Annual Meeting of the above Society, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Friday, May 24th. The Agenda of the Meeting will be found on page 376.

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