

## The American Nursing World.

### THE NURSES' SETTLEMENT.

Miss L. L. Dock has now returned to America, and will take up residence again at the Nurses' Settlement, 265, Henry Street, New York, where she hopes to work during the winter months.

For many years the Henry Street Settlement, as other settlements, has recognised the difficulty of the students in the public schools getting their lessons under proper conditions in the crowded tenement-house home, and has reserved rooms for study for the children. Last year, however, this Settlement undertook to provide a reference library and study room on a more formal plan. A room, easily accessible from the street, was opened up and pleasantly furnished with chairs and tables low enough for small students to rest their elbows on, and with good electric drop lights. Shelves were filled with magazines and reference books suggested by the public school principals, instructors in the high schools and in the City College and Normal College. In the afternoon and evening, a trained student is in charge of the room, and children from the neighbouring schools have her skilled assistance in looking up references and getting advice and help in their lessons. Afternoons from 3.30 to 5.30 are reserved for the younger children in the upper classes of the grade schools. In the evening, the older students have access to the room, and that it is appreciated is evidenced by the long line waiting for a vacant chair. Friday evenings very few lessons are prepared. The room is opened up to the little children and readers, and all the fairy tales are taken from the shelves. This experiment proves beyond doubt, the residents believe, that every public school should have a study room with a competent teacher to help the children; the room without the assistant loses much of its value.

Through the kindness of a friend of the Settlement, the Henry Street nurses had the direction of a unique playground during the past summer. A tract of land covering two city blocks was put at their disposal, fitted with swings and hammocks that could be stored in an old house on the place. There was long grass for the children to roll in, there were big trees, and a distant view of the Hudson. Thirty-five parties were taken there during the summer and no trip to the large parks or other excursion could rival this outing among the mothers and children. When the children were asked why they loved to go

there, the answer was always that there were no "cops."

The Settlement has recently opened its first branch in the Bronx at 862, Caldwell Avenue. Three nurses are living there, and find that the work progresses well. A start has been made with nursing, with the hope of developing a share in the social plans later. One of the residents works with a Charity Organisation Society district office and is deeply interested in the questions that will identify them with that borough.

### CO-OPERATIVE TRAINING.

The *American Journal of Nursing* recently announced that the Illinois Training School and the Presbyterian School for Nurses in Chicago had affiliated with the Elgin Hospital for the Insane, giving their senior nurses the benefit of some experience in this branch of nursing. The results are that two of this year's graduates of the Presbyterian School have been placed in charge of the nursing in two of the largest State hospitals for the insane in Illinois, Elgin, and Karkakee. This exchange of service, by which the general nurse broadens her knowledge of mental nursing, and the nurse of the insane hospital gets more general work in medical cases, is going to be of great benefit to the nurses themselves, to their patients, and to the training schools of both institutions.

### A RED INDIAN NURSE.

Miss Eyre, of Denver, writing from a mission hospital for the Navago Indians in Arizona, to our contemporary, describes training a young Indian girl, who speaks English, as an assistant, whom she finds more apt than many a white probationer.

### MATRONS' COURSE IN NEW YORK.

A new and very practical series of lectures on Hospital Laundries has been added to the Course in Hospital Economics at Teacher's College, New York, to be given by Miss Clara D. Noyes, Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass. The syllabus is as follows—so useful to those nurses who wish to qualify themselves as Superintendents of Training Schools:—The History of Nursing and of Hospitals, Miss L. L. Dock; Hospital Planning, Mr. Charles Butler, B.A.; Working Essentials and Hospital Construction, Miss Annie W. Goodrich; Training School Administration, Mrs. Robb, and Miss M. M. Riddle.

The *American Journal of Nursing* says: "The fact that one of our colleagues (Miss Nutting) has so recently been in Miss Nightingale's presence comes to us like an inspiration."

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