

purpose of strengthening ourselves for a great work, a large opportunity which is before us presenting many complex and difficult problems. Before us who are here now, and before the many recruits from the homelands to whom we are waiting to extend our welcome, eager that we may share together the great privilege, the great responsibility, noble work has been done by the pioneers who have opened the way, opening hospitals, starting training schools, translating books, and working against odds which we in the new China of to-day will scarcely know. But after all there has been so far only a beginning, and there will be problems for many days to come. There are only a few training schools that require a standard and deserve the name.

"It is only recently that the women of China have been ready to step into this new place of service and discipline, obedience, and trust. Even now only a very few are coming forward, but the leaven of a new public opinion that follows close upon the teaching of our Master is beginning to work.

"By the next post I will try to send a copy of the constitution that we adopted. You will see that the question of standard has been especially before us. We want from the beginning to make it stand for something to be a member of the association; for one reason, in order that a better class of women will be attracted to the profession, and that those who begin their training shall have a definite standard to press forward to; another stimulus to help them face the dreaded question of examinations; and to help them at their post when a wavering will would suggest to them to give up, or that a half training would do.

"We have our plans, too, for a nursing literature. We are all busy women and it must be a step at a time. The editors of the *China Medical Journal*, the organ of the Medical Missionary Association of China and Korea, has offered us space for a nurses' department. We are also planning for a nurses' department in some of the Chinese papers. Our constitution will be printed simultaneously in Chinese and in English, and in English and Chinese papers. We hope that we may arrange exchanges with the home papers.

"With the constitution will come the list of the first officers and their places of graduation. You will see that Mrs. Hart, of Anking, is our first president.

"We are most anxious to get into close touch with the associations at home and be mutually helped."

Let us hope by 1912 that the Nurses' Association of China will be ready for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses.

## The Third Volume of "A History of Nursing."

The chapters on the history of English Nursing from 1875 to date, to be incorporated in the third volume of "A History of Nursing," to be edited by Miss Nutting and Miss Dock, have been entrusted to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss M. Breay. It is essential that a vast amount of information should be compressed into the 26,000 words allotted to this country. The scope of the new volume will deal as far as possible with the evolution of nursing as a profession, and in the English section the struggle for sound educational facilities and registration by the nurses of the United Kingdom has never been exceeded in its persistence, nor have more influential influences ever been brought against any class of workers in the whole passionate struggle against the feudal conditions from which the men of this country have emancipated themselves. The sum total of human suffering to women in the evolution of scientific nursing for the community, all under the delusive cloak of charity conducted by men, is a story worth writing, and shall be truthfully told. Much can be gathered from the 44 volumes of this Journal, but the personal touch is all important. Mrs. Fenwick will, therefore, be greatly indebted to nursing pioneers for accurate and reliable information upon this very important question if sent to her to 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

The third volume of the History is now well under way, bringing nursing history up to date. Miss Dock reports that the chapters on Germany, France, Holland, Italy, and Cuba are practically done, the United States material gathered together, the finished chapters are being verified in the countries to which they belong, and the text is going to be wonderfully interesting. Denmark, India, China, and Japan are giving their "own stories," and, in Miss Dock's opinion, it will be a wonderful chapter of the Woman's Uprising and Forward Movement. She writes: "It seems to me the 'Marseillaise' should be sung and shouted to it the whole way through."

As time goes on the first two volumes of "A History of Nursing," written by Miss Dock and Miss Nutting, are becoming widely known, and finding their way into the hands of nurses all over the world. So long as they know English all is well, but this is not enough for Germany, with her thirst for knowledge, patience, and accuracy, and she will soon have this great work published in her own expressive language.

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