

the Edinburgh Missionary Conference, which she attended as the delegate of the League, and which, she said, had given her a new vision of what the Mission Field means. China was awakening after centuries of sleep; all countries in the East were looking to Japan as a leader; India was seething with new problems. There were 19,800 foreign missionaries, but there were twelve hundred millions non-Christians for them to work amongst.

Dr. Howard Cook, of Uganda, who gave the closing address, greeted his audience as "fellow-members of the healing profession." He said it was a great privilege to address those nurses who were going out to the Mission Field. He wished they were all going to Uganda. He gave them as their watchword the words "Consider Him," and spoke of the revelation which European nursing is to heathen patients. The Lord was calling for volunteers, and it almost seemed sometimes as if He was calling in vain. On the staff of the Church Missionary Society there were 57 nurses and 87 doctors. In a hospital at home, which he had recently visited, there was one nurse to every two beds. In Uganda the proportion was five nurses to 125 beds, and they were told it was too many. Nurses with the capital of skill and knowledge, which they possessed, could do untold good in the Mission Field.

The day's meetings then concluded, but many last words were said over the teacups before those present finally dispersed.

The Matrons' Council.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Wednesday, October 26th, at 3.30. Members are asked to note the date, and keep it free, as besides the ordinary business meeting there will be a debate upon "The Supply of Probationers." (1) Whether the women who offer themselves for training at the present time are less suitable for the nursing profession than those who applied ten or fifteen years ago. (2) If so, what is the cause and the remedy? The debate, which will be private, will be opened by Miss Mollett.

M. André Mesureur, *Chef de Service* and *Administrateur de l'École des Infirmières* of the *Administration Générale de Assistance Publique*, Paris, has intimated the intention of that body to make a contribution to the memorial fund for the late Miss Isla Stewart. This recognition of Miss Stewart's work by a French public authority will be gratefully remembered by British nurses.

The New League of the Royal Free Hospital Nurses.

On Saturday, October 8th, a meeting to consider the formation of the League of the Royal Free Hospital Nurses was held at the Hospital, by kind permission of the authorities.

The meeting was in every way a most successful one, thanks to the efforts of all those engaged in arranging preliminary details.

About fifty nurses, all holding the certificate of the Royal Free Hospital, were present. Some had completed their training about twenty years ago. Others had come from long distances on purpose to be present at the meeting, and many had not visited the hospital for very many years, but all were full of enthusiasm for their old training school, and added greatly to the success of the meeting by their interest and cordiality.

The suggestion for the formation of a League was unanimously carried.

Miss Cox-Davies, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, was then invited to become its first President, and, we are glad to say, she cordially accepted the invitation.

Thanks to our newly-elected President, a great deal of business was carried through. A provisional Committee was formed, honorary officers elected, and the subscription to the League arranged.

A general business meeting will be held, we trust, early in the coming year, followed by a social gathering.

On the conclusion of the business all present partook of tea on the nurses' roof, which had been most tastefully decorated by those Sisters of the Royal Free Hospital who had received their training at other London hospitals.

A resolution was passed that all such Sisters should be asked to join the League of the Royal Free Hospital Nurses in grateful recognition of their valuable services in this hospital.

Much interest was shown in the new theatres and the many other improvements in the hospital carried through during recent years.

A WARD SISTER.

The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers its hearty congratulations.

Health and Morality Conference.

The Editor begs to acknowledge a number of applications for tickets for the private Conference on Health and Morality to be held in London on November 23rd. These are being forwarded to the organiser of the Conference, who will send out tickets in due course.

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