

railway passengers on an open platform of a winter's night at 10 degrees below zero demands a very hardy circulation in the fingers. . . .

"One of the great needs of Newchang is a good nurse. . . . There are nurses in large places like Tientsin or Shanghai, when they are to be had by telegraphing. Occasionally one is driven to employ Japanese nurses, especially for obstetrics. As a rule they have not been too satisfactory, though possibly if one spoke Japanese it might be easier to manage. At one confinement the mother was German, the doctor Irish, the nurse Japanese, the maid Chinese, each knowing but a word or two of the others' language. Teutonic baby clothes are things no one should tackle rashly who has not worn them. The dressing of the baby by that International Committee was a picnic!"

The first batch of probationers trained at the Plymouth Union Infirmary were recently presented with bronze medals after passing their final examinations, given by Mrs. J. S. Argall.

Mrs. Argall said that whilst her husband was Governor of the Board she had the honour to open the new infirmary, and as the probationer nurses appearing before them were the first to pass out of the institution, she desired to ask their acceptance of medals, and to congratulate them on their success. Great praise was due to Miss Holliday, the superintendent nurse, and the doctors, for the training for which they were responsible.

The successful probationers, who were grouped in front of the Governor's desk; were: Nurses L. C. Hargreave, F. Warren, W. Edwards, E. Maunder, M. Lee, E. Biddlecombe, E. Bishop, L. Marshall. The medals were formally presented by the Governor and pinned on by the donor.

On behalf of Dr. E. J. Cooke, the workhouse surgeon, who was unable to attend, Mr. Willey presented Nurse Hargreave with four volumes on "The Science and Art of Nursing," and Nurse Warren with a case of surgical instruments, they having obtained the highest number of marks.

Miss Holliday asked Mrs. Argall to accept a group photograph of the nurses as a small token of their appreciation of her interest in their work.

Dr. Stephens Ward, on behalf of the nurses, invited the Governor to accept a clock for Dr. Cooke, and to present Miss Holliday with a framed photograph of themselves. It was rather more than three years since the new

infirmary was opened, and the result of the examination of the first set of probationers to qualify fully was highly satisfactory. The nurses felt that their success was almost entirely due to the assistance which had been given them by Dr. Cooke and Miss Holliday, to whom they could not adequately express their gratitude.

Miss Holliday gratefully acknowledged the gift; and Mrs. Argall and Dr. Cooke were warmly thanked, on the motion of the Governor, seconded by Mr. Hacker (deputy-chairman of the Hospital Committee).

It is wonderful how Liverpool (Queen Victoria) District Nursing Association has grown in its fifty years of life. It started with thirteen nurses, and has now a staff of six matrons and sixty-two nurses. Speaking at the annual meeting, Lord Derby referred to the Florence Nightingale Memorial, and expressed his satisfaction that the money was not to be expended in bricks and mortar but was to be utilised for the nursing of the sick poor in their homes. At the same time, he was glad there was to be a statue of Miss Nightingale in Liverpool. Nobody who knew anything about nursing in these days could fail to appreciate the enormous strides in advance that had been made in what he would call the science of nursing. To that advance no one contributed more than Miss Nightingale.

Of course she did, because she advocated the teaching of nursing on a scientific basis, and yet whenever men speak in appreciation of the result of this sound educational work, it is unfortunately always to ignore it, and to oppose it when the opportunity offers—as in support of the State Registration of Nurses. Sound economics, educational and financial, are usually depreciated by men who control bodies of trained nurses. Just here peeps out the cloven hoof, and is the danger of such control.

At the annual meeting of the Inverness Branch of Q.V.J.I. it was reported that the Queen's Nurses had a splendid year's work; and Provost Birnie, in proposing the adoption of the report, said no institution deserved the more hearty support of the public. The bazaar held last September in Inverness for the benefit of the Institute realised £953 7s. 2d., and, after deducting expenses, £884 1s. 9d. had been added to the funds. Everything appears satisfactory but the price paid to Queen's Nurses everywhere for their invaluable work. It is high time salaries were raised and the real national value of their work recognised.

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