

of more feeble patients. The nurses had been really working by night as well as by day. It was absolute nigger-driving. She had not had an hour off since she had been there. She had 40 patients. There was a peculiar tone amongst the inmates—a want of respect for the nurses. They seemed to think that the nurses were their general servants, and would like to order them out. She had no complaint whatever against the officers.

Let us hope the Guardians will prevent such "nigger-driving" in future.

The bazaar at Jedburgh for extending the Cottage Hospital and making additional provision for the Queen's nurse has, with contributions from other sources, produced a fund of £808.

A large number of the members of the Catholic Nurses' Association were present at Lourdes House at a recent meeting, when it was decided that a badge should be worn by the members in the form of a cross, with the arms of Ulster, Leinster, Munster, and Connaught, corresponding to the flag which represented the Association at the recent Nurses' Congress at Cologne, with the inscription, "Catholic Nurses' Association," on it. The annual meeting will be held on October 15th, at which the election of a new Executive Committee will take place.

The nurses in California seem as delighted that the International Council of Nurses has accepted their kind invitation for 1915 as the Council was to receive it, to judge from the editorial remarks in this month's *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing*. It says:—

"According to press dispatches of August 6th from Cologne, the representatives of the nursing profession there in international session voted to hold the next Congress in San Francisco in 1915. This is indeed glad tidings, and will rejoice the hearts of nurses in the Coast States, and will be received with equal pleasure by nurses through the United States.

"Only those who have had the good fortune to attend one of these great and inspiring sessions can appreciate what this will mean—*what it can be made to mean*—for nursing education in California and the other States of the Coast. It now devolves upon the 1915 Committee, of which Theresa Earles McCarthy is Chairman, to bend to the work and map out plans that will give the greatest returns in education and enthusiasm to Coast workers as well as to the national and foreign visitors.

"The women who have the cause of nursing education close at heart are the women who from every country attend these sessions. What joy it will be to greet again on our own shores some

of the splendid workers whom we met in Paris in 1907!

"Dear, quiet, modest Mme. Gillot, and faithful Dr. Anna Hamilton, of France; Sister Agnes Karll, one of the most esteemed workers in Germany; Mlle. Van Lanschot-Hubrecht, leader among the nurses of Holland; Miss Wortabet, from Syria; Baroness Mannerheim, from Finland, and the skilled general who founded the great International organisation, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, of London. These are just a few of the foreign leaders whom we trust may be with us, to say nothing of the many splendid leaders and teachers in our own country. As the time for the Congress approaches we shall aim to give a short sketch of the life and work of some of the distinguished members of the profession who will visit San Francisco.

"When we look ahead there seems no legitimate idle moment for the nurses of California if we are to accomplish all the improvements we should accomplish before we open our doors in welcome to the nurses of the world! The bugle call must sound assembly, and every nurse in this great State should fall into line for the three years' hard service before her."

THE HOUSE OF WATCHING.

Late on a November night I was passing homewards, buffeted by violent gusts of rain and wind. I was alone, and there was about me no sign of life save the few remaining lights in the upper windows of houses.

A great building loomed up, wrapped in complete darkness. As I continued on my way a part of the building, hitherto concealed by projecting wings, came into view.

Two windows threw from thence yellow shafts of light. On the inner side of one a blind had been partly drawn. The other was without blind and curtain.

I stopped in my walk and looked up, but, being so far beneath, I could see little of what lay within.

Yet I saw enough. Against a white background, which I took to be the ceiling of a room, there stood out in strong relief a woman's graceful figure. She was looking downwards and inwards, and engaged in some active work, to judge by the movement of her arms.

The strong light shone upon her white cap and pink gown, burnishing her hair to vivid gold.

She was a nurse, and this great building a hospital. These two bright spots in the surrounding gloom seemed to me like the yellow eyes of some monster, which, though to all appearance asleep, yet kept a keen watch through the night.

Within also watch was kept.

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