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THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Nurses' Association of China opened on Tuesday, June 30th, at Shanghai, with the President (Miss Gage, of Changsha), in the chair. The outside temperature was hot, but was as nothing compared to the warmth of enthusiasm and comradeship manifest amongst the delegates in the Conference room. Nurses came from eight Provinces, and twenty-two different hospitals—both Government and Mission—were represented; but chiefly by American and British nurses, one Chinese nurse being present. The language used was English, but ere long it is confidently expected that Chinese nurses will be able to be present at these annual conferences in large numbers, when the language used may be their own tongue.

The Conference was opened by a short Devotional Service, conducted by Dean Walker (of the Shanghai English Cathedral). In a very helpful address, he besought the members of the nursing profession never to sever the vital connection between professional ability and religious devotion. All nurses and doctors, whether professed Christians or not, were doing God's work, consciously or unconsciously, because "gifts of healing" came from Him. If they were Christians their work was the higher work because they could minister to the soul as well as the body. "Never say, 'Man has a soul'; say, 'Man is a soul and has a body.'"

The remainder of the Session was given up to hearing papers on Social Service work and kindred subjects. A paper was read by Mrs. Matheson (Secretary of the Women's Home) on Rescue Work amongst Foreign Women in Shanghai; and this was followed by a talk from Miss Henderson, who is in charge of the Children's Refuge in the same port. She told a touching tale of the plight of small slave girls, ill-treated little daughters-in-

law, and numbers of children rescued from houses of ill-fame in Shanghai and other places. So often when they arrive at the Refuge their condition is pitiful; underfed and poorly clad, suffering from wounds and bruises and broken limbs, the results of cruelty; most of them mentally numbed, and dull at first even to appreciating kindness. But with infinite patience and much love they are gradually taught, not only ordinary school subjects, but also household duties and laundry work, mat and shoe-making, &c. Only one servant is kept in the Institution, the girls doing all the work. Just now the Refuge is full to overflowing; there is not "breathing space" for another child! The work depends on voluntary contributions for its support.

Miss Gordon (of the American Church Mission Hospital, Shanghai) then gave a paper on the Social Service work done by nurses in America, and told of the tremendous advance of hospital extension work during the last four years. The fields of work are endless, and the variety of people helped multitudinous. About 1,400 cities in the States now have Nursing Social Service in force.

On the morning of July 1st, reports from the officers of the Association were presented. The work of the past year has been that of getting better organized, and the members more closely cemented together than has been possible before. The keen President and the energetic Secretary have "gone on going on," and the Association is steadily increasing in membership, force and usefulness. The past year has seen the printing and circulating of the "Uniform Curriculum and Regulations for Examinations" for candidates for the N.A.C. diplomas in General Nursing and in Midwifery. This union scheme is but paving the way for a National Examination and Diploma, which it is expected may emanate from the Government ere many years are past.

Three papers were given, and discussion took place on: "Home Leave: How best to utilize it—in England, in America, and in Europe"—when helpful suggestions were made by members who had already been on furlough, and taken advantage of the post-graduate courses and other facilities for "rubbing up" knowledge, and getting up to date. These papers were read by Mrs. Burnip (England), Miss Ogden (America), and Miss Hoolande (Germany).

Miss Tomlinson (late Superintendent of Nurses at Harlem Hospital, New York) gave a talk on "Difficulties in Modern Training Schools at Home," in which she dealt mainly with the problem of lack of suitable candidates and gave some probable reasons for the shortage, and some possible aids to the solution of the problem.

Miss Simpson (of the Methodist Episcopal Mission Hospital, Foochow) gave a paper on the training of Chinese pupil nurses. She contrasted the old days and the present day Training School methods in the home lands, and pointed out that we must let our pupils here profit by the lessons we have learnt during the years. Let the duties which unskilled hands can do be done by ward

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