

nurses. The contemptuous argument used by the leaders of the anti-Registration campaign that "hospital nurses will be classed with infirmiry nurses" if Registration is in force, is as ungenerous as it is ignorant. The fundamental principle of Registration, the definition of a standard of nursing education under legal safeguards, is for all nurses, and we regret to note that matrons of Poor Law Infirmaries, trained at what may be termed the Metropolitan monopolist nursing schools, have signed the London Hospital Protest against Registration.

Nursing is to be added to the domestic science course of the Cincinnati high schools. Arrangements have been made with the Cincinnati General Hospital whereby the junior and senior girls will be accepted as co-operative pupil nurses. In addition to learning how to attend and care for the sick, they will be given special instruction in the hospital kitchen on the preparation of food for patients.

The Helen C. Juilliard floating hospital of St. John's Guild, New York, entered her eighteenth year of service to the sick babies of the poor on July 6th. In addition to the cool salt-water breezes, the benefits of this floating hospital include care by doctors and nurses, the feeding of infants with food prepared on board and issued as required, milk furnished twice daily for other children, a warm dinner served at midday, medicated and salt-water baths for the babies, salt-water shower baths for the mothers and older children, and instruction to mothers in the care of their children. The boat has a capacity of 1,200.

Agnes Freytag, 37, came to England from Germany in 1910, and from that year until May last was a nurse at the Roman Catholic Cripples' Home, Northwood, Middlesex. On Wednesday she called at the home for a box, which contained a revolver and 51 breech caps, but the Sister Superintendent refused to hand them over until she had communicated with the police.

The police arrived, and the nurse was then taken into custody on a charge of failing to register, for travelling more than five miles from her home without a permit, and for being in possession of firearms.

She was remanded at Highgate.

Every day one hears blood-curdling stories of German women, who have been in our midst for years, being in possession of suspicious papers and articles. We are a very trusting people.

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The Morning Session on 2nd July opened with a paper on "Midwifery Training for Chinese Nurses," read by Miss Hope Bell, of the London Mission Hospital, Hankow. Midwifery training inland is only possible at present at hospitals which have been long established, and where the nurses are well known enough to be called out to normal cases. And only hospitals in large cities have a sufficiently large practice to be able to take pupil midwives. In country stations in too many places there is no foreign nurse, and the doctor in charge is only called out to abnormal cases, and those too generally "in extremis" after native women have done their best, and their worst. In England, lying-in patients come into hospital for 10-14 days, but in China, if a woman can be persuaded to leave her home for the event, she must remain in hospital for a month, as her friends will not allow her to cross the threshold of her home for one month after the birth of her baby. The extra time in the ward, although it keeps out a fresh patient, yet is utilized in teaching her how to feed and bathe her baby, and how to generally care for it, and deal with its minor ailments. And above all, it gives longer opportunity for her to learn the story of Jesus and His love.

Miss Loader, of Foochow, gave a paper on "The Duties of a Matron in China." Our home hospitals are usually well staffed with sisters and nurses, who all have some share in the education of probationers, and where assistants are available to help with the administrative work, and with the laundry and store-room departments. But in China it is quite different. One foreign trained nurse is all the hospital can boast, except in a very few isolated instances. Thus it comes about that the whole of the teaching and training, plus the oversight of the departments and employees, has to be done with one pair of eyes and hands!!

A paper followed by Miss Hood (Soochow), on the "Difficulties" which meet Matrons out here.

The Conference this year has been by far the best the Nurses' Association of China has ever had. It was more representative and more enthusiastic, and it will be more far-reaching in its results than any previous gathering. The Association is still in its childhood; we will not say infancy, but we look forward with steadfast hope to the day when we shall be affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, and when China will have fully trained and devoted nurses from end to end of her great Republic. "To-morrow's strength will be very largely the heritage of to-day's patient striving."

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Perhaps the best paper of the Conference and, anyway, the most helpful for the Nurses' Association of China as a whole, was one by Miss E.

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