

nurses by the Tramways Committee of the Salford Town Council, but was referred back to them. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that at present they were sending three or four cars a day to carry the Salford "Bantams," and the majority of Red Cross nurses, who were giving their services, were able to pay. If the Tramways Committee are inclined to give free passes to nurses they would be best placed with the Matron of the local district nursing association for the use of those engaged in professional work of great benefit to the poor.

*Nurses Near and Far*, the organ of the Nurses' Missionary League, gives a picture of the happy days spent at the Camp at Old Jordan's Hostel, near Beaconsfield, and a synopsis of messages and addresses given there.

A wedding present has been sent to "Our Own Nurse" at Nasik, in response to a suggestion in the leaflet, of towels, handkerchiefs, and soap. Nurse Bhimabai has been supported by the League for some years.

Nurse Bhagu, who is now to be supported, sends the following quaint letter:—

"MY DEAR MISS SAHIBS,—I am very glad to write this letter to you, and I think you will like to hear something about me. I came to Nasik in the month of November for the nursing. I like this work very much. Please remember me in your daily prayer. Many Hindu women and children come to our hospital, and they do not know anything about Jesus Christ. Our Mem sahibs and the nurses always tell them about Jesus Christ."

How greatly medical treatment and nursing are needed in the mission field the following little report from Bhiwani demonstrates:—

"About a fortnight ago a patient was admitted for an operation to her eyes. She also complained of pains in her back. The doctor was examining her to find out the cause, when she found a scar just above the ankle, all round the leg, nearly an inch wide; and she was told that the village blacksmith had ordered it to be burned with a red-hot iron to cure the pain. She had endured this agony, but the old pain was still present, whereas it is now being cured by massage. This case clearly shows the need which mission hospitals are supplying. The effects of the war are very evident. Many are out of work and all have less money, in addition to having to pay increased prices for food. From many of the villages round, ten or fifteen men have gone to fight in France, and the women are keenly interested in the news."

Through Miss Gage, of Changsha, China, we learn (says the *American Journal of Nursing*) that the five scholarships granted by the Rockefeller Foundation to Chinese nurses for study in America are proving a stimulus to the nursing profession in China. The quality of the students applying for training in the Chinese mission schools has improved since the announcement of the scholarships was made.

These amount to \$300 each, with expenses of the journey to the United States, and are for one year each, but if at the end of that time, the holders of the scholarships prove to be doing satisfactory work, reappointments will be made to enable them to complete their course of study. The applicants must be graduates of a girls' high school and must have had at least one year's training as a nurse in China; they must be in good physical condition and be able to read, write, and speak English.

The China Medical Board is a new branch of the Rockefeller Foundation, and seeks to improve the physical condition of the people of China, using agencies now in existence, so far as may be possible. The directors are wise in working for the advancement of the profession of nursing at the same time as that of medicine, for, as in this country, the two must go hand in hand. The modern doctor, there as here, needs the modern nurse by his side to help carry forward his work in hospital and dispensary, and to teach the laws of health to a people sadly in need of such enlightenment. The infant mortality of China is enormous, there are great cities and vast districts without any sort of skilled help for the sick, and the field for the devoted physician and the public health nurse is almost limitless.

#### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Nurses unable to do active work, or those interested in nursing, may help by giving voluntary assistance at the office of the National Union of Trained Nurses, 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W. The Secretary will be very glad to hear from anyone willing to do secretarial work, cut out patterns, paint health posters, or assist in any way.

An interesting account of the work done by trained nurses in Belgium during the early stages of the war was given by Miss Thurstan, a member of the British Red Cross Society, at a meeting of the Leeds Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses held at the Lord Mayor's Rooms on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at which the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. J. E. Bedford) presided.

Miss Thurstan, who was in charge of one of the first detachments of nurses to go to the front, gave a detailed description of the scenes which took place at the occupation of Brussels by the Germans.

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