

with precision, and not only so but their exact depth from the surface can be estimated to the fraction of an inch. The slides taken in this department are most fascinating, and it is evident that the work is in the hands of an enthusiast in the subject.

Another section of the hospital is the chapel, quite unpretentious, but dignified and reverent—where not only Sunday but week day services are held, a member of the nursing staff presiding at the harmonium.

In the Nurses' Home there are comfortable sitting rooms with plenty of easy chairs, sofas, and each nurse has her own separate bedroom, and there is a bath room to every eight bedrooms, a luxury—not to mention a necessity—calculated to arouse envy in nurses trained in the eighties, who waited in queues for "the" bath, and its tepid comfort when secured at last.

Will one of the lessons of this war be that outlying hospitals are quite accessible to London Consultants now that motor cars are obliterating time and space, and that it is no longer necessary to maintain large hospitals in the centre of London with land at a fabulous price per yard, when on the breezy heathland outside the metropolis patients can have the advantage of pure air which combined with good food is a most potent aid to recovery?

THE HEATH PRIZES.

"You have chosen a noble career," said the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor George Lunn, to the nurses of the Newcastle Poor Law Infirmary on the 27th inst, when he presented certificates and the Heath prizes to the successful nurses of that institution.

Mr. J. Pearson, the chairman of the Infirmary Committee, presided, and the Lord Mayor was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriff of the city, Councillor W. Bramble.

"There is," proceeded the Lord Mayor, "no finer profession for the exercise of the gifts of womanhood than the profession of the skilled nurse, and there never was a time when the value and worth of the work done by the nurses was more recognised than it is to-day."

Councillor Edward Lonsdale, who introduced the Lord Mayor paid a warm tribute to the work done by the Matron, Miss Sharpe, and her staff. Three of their Sisters were in Egypt, some in Serbia, and several in France.

Certificates were awarded to the following:—Nurses Smith, Cook, Thom, A. B. Thoms, Fowler, Crake, Jones, McKenna, Robson, Bavidge, Cawley, and Scott.

The winners of the Heath prizes for the third and final year were:—Nurse Smith, 1; Nurse Cook, 2; Nurse Thom, 3.

The second year prize winners were:—Nurse Young, 1; Nurse Matthews, 2; Nurse M. A. Thoms, 3.

The first year prize winners were:—Nurse Montgomery, 1; Nurse Johnson, 2; Nurse Tyzack, 3.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES, SAN FRANCISCO.

Reports had been prepared by both Delegates of the National Council of Trained Nurses to the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at San Francisco in 1915 (Miss A. E. Hulme and Miss Beatrice Kent), for presentation on January 21st, but owing to the late hour at which the Matrons' Council Meeting concluded, Miss Hulme did not present her report which we publish below.

REPORT PRESENTED BY MISS A. E. HULME.

You have read of our doings in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and my co-delegate, or, as the Americans say, my side partner, Miss Kent, is prepared to give you further details of our memorable and never-to-be-forgotten tour through America and the Dominion of Canada. I will therefore not take up your time with any account of our travels.

There is just one point I should like to touch on before I proceed to business, for, to my mind, it will outlive all the other joys and interests of our trip.

When the surpassing beauties of the Canadian Rockies, and the magnitude and wonders of the Grand Canyon of Arizona have somewhat faded from our memory, when the glowing colours of beautiful California have become a dream of the past, there will still remain to Miss Kent and myself painted in vivid colouring the happiest remembrances of the warmth of the welcomes bestowed on us, the generous hospitality lavished on us, the kindly interest shown to our beloved profession in all her struggles for liberty and professional freedom, and last, but not least, the sympathy, I may say affectionate sympathy tendered to our dear country in her present need and dire distress.

The business meeting of the International Council was held at the Clift Hotel, San Francisco, on June 21st, and was of quite an informal character.

Miss A. W. Goodrich, R.N., the President, was in the chair, and Miss Genevieve Cooke, in the much lamented absence of Miss L. L. Dock, acted as Secretary.

Others present were: Miss Palmer, Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*; Miss Knottenbelt, official delegate from Holland, who also represented the professional journal of her country, *Nosokomos*; Miss Hunter, formerly Matron of the General Hospital, Brisbane, who was invited to be present as a fraternal delegate from Australia, though the nurses of the Commonwealth are not yet affiliated through a National Council to the International Council of Nurses; Miss Annie Hulme and Miss Beatrice Kent, delegates from the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

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