

that the dead woman threw herself under a train, after she had said good-bye to her nurse, who was leaving her, and to whom she was deeply attached. Very sad.

The little "unit" of F.F.N.C. Sisters who went to work in France with that patriotic lover of humanity, Madame la Marquise de Noailles, at Folembray, Aisne, in March, 1919, are still devoting themselves to that *Poste de Secours*, and their work is ever extending its remedial benefactions. We have recently received the report of their activities in the district for the month of August last, and from very small beginnings, the number of persons now succoured for one month amounts to 1,528, whilst *Cadeaux de nocés et layettes dons de vêtements aux rentrant au pays* amounts to 2,000; *Soins au Dispensaire, visites, dépenses des hospitalisés, à l'hôpital du Dispensaire* to 5,600; and *Soins aux enfants, suralimentation aux mères et nourrissons* to 225; a grand total of 7,825.

This is the sort of devoted service which is of the utmost value in rebuilding France. Sister Sutton writes: "I see by B.J.N. that Miss Breay is in France. Why does she not come and see our devastated corner here? A visit from her would be an honour and pleasure. I fancy our 'poste' would interest her greatly, and she would be most welcome."

Sister Celia Perkins is also still at Folembray, where her devotion is greatly valued.

There is no doubt that "les dames Anglaises" are making their mark in the Public Health Service in France. Let us hope it may be greatly extended.

Victorian Nurses have been earnestly working for some years for State Registration, and were exceedingly indignant when their Bill, which was before Parliament last session, was met by the opposition of the managers and officials of the Melbourne Hospital. This defeated the Bill, which provided for an eight hours' day for nurses in training, and reduced the term of training from four to three years.

The Bill is to come up again this Session, and Major Baird, the Chief Secretary, has informed a deputation composed of the Australian Women's Association that "in regard to the nurses' conditions of work, the Government was in favour of preliminary tests of fitness, and of the day of eight hours. It is also prepared to accept a training period of three years and the abolition of premiums."

An appeal issued by the Executive Committee of the Nurses Association of China (which, by

the bye, has applied for federation in the International Council of Nurses) appears as follows in *Nurses Far and Near*, the organ of the Nurses' Missionary League:—

"In China the need for more nurses is an insistent daily call; so great and so insistent, that one wonders when and how that need can ever be met.

"Within the last few years the opportunities for skilled nursing, wherever hospitals have been established, have increased by leaps and bounds, and now, even in the homes of the people, "a great door and effectual" is open wide to Chinese graduate nurses.

"With a population of between three and four hundred millions of people, roughly speaking, between three and four hundred mission hospitals and between three and four hundred missionary nurses, it will be seen at a glance how inadequate the service is for the care of the sick and suffering of China.

"Two, nay, three, great evils—ignorance, dirt, and superstition—stand on every threshold like gaunt and hungry wolves, and in maternity work alone, the mortality of the mother, and especially of the child is appalling.

"The women of China need you, the babies of China need you, and the Saviour of the world invites your co-operation in the great and pressing work.

"The all too few hospitals are under-manned, or shall we say under-nursed. What is needed is the multiplication of our teaching staff in every branch of nursing, so that there may be, year by year, a multiplication of well-trained efficient Chinese nurses graduating from our hospitals and ready for 'any manner of service' in caring for the diseased bodies and sin-sick souls of their own people.

"We ask you who read and you who hear, prayerfully to consider this call to help in the fight against ignorance, disease, and sin, and to herald with us the 'good news' of 'repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.'"

In view of the lack of accommodation at Ashcliffe Children's Home, the Poorhouse Committee of Dundee Parish Council have passed the plans for the conversion of the stable buildings into housing for nurses and staff. The deplorable lack of accommodation at present was referred to by Mr. David Mitchell, Convener, who stated that one bedroom was occupied by one nurse during the day and by another at night. How can one wonder at the shortage of nurses?

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