

prisoner jumped out of the window, a distance of 20 ft., on to a verandah, from which he fell to the ground. In the fall, both ankles were broken, and the prisoner received other injuries, for which he was treated at the hospital. Fifteen previous convictions were proved against the accused, whose sentences aggregated nearly fifteen years.

On Saturday, February 5th, a contingent of nurses from Paisley Parish Hospital, with their Matron, Miss Finn, visited the Royal Alexandra Infirmary and gave an entertainment to the nursing staff and their friends.

An original and unique programme was provided. The chorus (nine nurses) were daintily attired as boys and girls, and effectively rendered popular choruses and Scottish and English dances.

An item representing an Eastern scene was greatly appreciated. The nurses proved themselves capable actresses in the last scene, when, disguised as very old men, they were totally unrecognisable. A collection made in aid of the Glasgow Nurses' club realised just over £6. After refreshments, kindly provided by Miss Cowie, Matron of the R.A.I., a little informal dance was held.

The staffs of both hospitals agreed that the evening had been most successful.

When one realises the sort of "pivot" Dr. Anna Hamilton is in nursing affairs throughout France, to hear that she has been seriously "overdoing it" is no surprise, and we hope she will obey doctor's orders and reduce her arduous labours by fifty per cent. Absolutely there is no one to take her place.

A few weeks ago Miss Clara Noyes, President of the American Nurses' Association, and Miss Helen Scott Hay visited Bordeaux to personally convey the good news that the Nurses' Memorial Fund was over subscribed. Had the contract for building the Nightingale College of Nursing been ready, which was impossible, Miss Noyes would have laid the foundation stone at Bagatelle. Miss Noyes and Miss Hay spent a long day visiting the hospital and the beautiful new site, with which they were charmed, and were satisfied with the plans for the new school. There are to be forty-eight rooms for the pupils, and twenty larger rooms. Dr. Hamilton writes: "You will be interested to hear that the Rockefeller Commission has decided to build for us a T.B. dispensary at Bagatelle. They are also going to give ten scholarships for probationers, and these pupils will have general training in the

hospital and six months in district work—T.B. patients, school nursing and infant supervising in the home. They will have our usual certificate, with special mention of district and public health work. These pupils will work with the Rockefeller Commission for two years after training. We are to become the professional nurses Public Health School.

Miles. Monod and Peiron have gone to Teachers' College, New York, for eight months, sent by the American Committee for Devastated France.

Dr. Hamilton forwards her Paper "Les secours medicaux dans une région dévastée de l'Aisne," which includes a delightful account of the work of the Bordeaux nurses working with Mrs. Breckinridge and her devoted colleagues recently reported in this journal by Miss M. Breay.

A movement has now been begun in the United States for the Endowment of Nursing Schools. We are glad, as we have long advocated the necessity for such endowments, and in the near future, when the Nursing Curricula drafted by the General Nursing Councils are in force, the Nursing Schools will need all the help they can get. The Johns Hopkins Hospital Nurses at Baltimore are out to build and equip the Johns Hopkins College of Nursing. The nurses hope their plan will include the teaching of Public Health Nursing. The nurses are encouraged in their ambition by Professor Adelaide Nutting, who is the Chairman of their Committee. Already they have in hand thirteen thousand dollars. We wish every success to this nurses' movement to improve their education and efficiency.

The Department of Nursing Education in the *American Journal of Nursing* is in charge of Miss Isabel M. Stewart, R.N., and she reports that among a number of other works undertaken by the Committee on Education of the National League of Nursing Education was the working out of a suggestive basis for the grading or classifying of nursing schools into four classes. The League has issued a most comprehensive questionnaire, which appears in the November number of the *A. J. N.*, and might prove of use to our own Education Committee of the General Nursing Council. It is our duty to study Nursing Education and make investigations from every point of view. We have all been compelled to follow along an old rut quite long enough.

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