

THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO.

One of the most charming reports we receive in the course of the year is that of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, which has its office at Room 830, Monroe Building, 104, S. Michigan Avenue. It has a most sympathetic Board of Directors, and its Superintendent, Miss Edna L. Foley, is not only one of the most capable, but one of the most attractive personalities in the Nursing World of America.

Mrs. Jean M. Cudahy, President, writes:—"In closing my report I wish sincerely to congratulate our nurses, each and every one, upon your splendid year's work, and I wish to voice the gratitude of our directors for your devoted service. . . How amply rewarded you all must feel when you look back upon such a record year of devoted service. You have saved the lives of mothers and babies; prevented human beings from living in darkness by your care of babies' eyes; you have seen important results of your treatment for cripples; you have been loyal and helpful friends to hundreds of old people suffering from incurable disease, many of whom are practically friendless. In addition to all of this nursing service, you have brought happiness and consolation into the homes of all of our patients."

The Directors last year decided to present a small replica of the well-known and beloved Visiting Nurse emblem to nurses who have been with the Association five years or more, as a reward for faithful service. Fourteen nurses this year were also eligible for the five-year honour pins.

The conservation of skilled nursing labour by the provision of adequate facilities for locomotion for visiting nurses has always greatly appealed to us.

Why should a district nurse have to tire herself out tramping round a large district, in all weathers, carrying a heavy bag, and only be able in consequence to do a limited amount of nursing work? The Nurses' Committee of the Visiting Nurse Association, Chicago, report that early in the year they discussed the purchase of a Ford runabout for the nurse, in a series of small settlements, where the transportation is extremely poor, and where for several years they have had to have a full-time nurse, and more than half-time of

another nurse, in order to cover the work. A Ford roadster was purchased late in February, and their wisdom in so doing is shown by the fact that one nurse is now able to carry on the work alone, making almost as many calls as were made under the old arrangement.

Mrs. Sprague, Chairman of the Committee on After-Care and Study of Infantile Paralysis records the gift to a School Dispensary of a special tank, thus making it possible to give some of the children their exercises under warm water. "Of course, the children liked this, and put forth more effort in the water than when doing the same exercises on a table." Miss Foley, in the course of a most interesting Report, says that the feeling of confidence and affection which the people hold for the Visiting Nurses may be illustrated by a remark made by an old German woman, who said confidentially to the nurse finishing a very difficult dressing, "You just wait until I get to Heaven. The first thing w'at I say to Peter is to be darn sure he lets all dem girls in w'ats got a ribbon on dair arms."

Miss Foley, with Miss Carol Martin, Instructor of Nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, will be on the faculty of the University of Washington, co-operating with the Washington State Nurses' Association to conduct a summer institute for graduate nurses. The institute begins the first week in July.

The Directors state that for several years they have felt that special study or travel or attendance at national conferences have been distinctly stimulating for the nurses and Directors alike; therefore we were glad to send Mrs. Helen Lovell and Miss Julia MacNeill, two of our Assistant Supervisors, to the National Conference of Social Work which was held in Washington last May. It is a wise policy which will benefit Directors, Nurses, and Patients.



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A YEAR LATER.

WHAT TO READ.

- "Unwritten History." Cosmo Hamilton.
- "The Soul of the Criminal." John C. Goodwin.
- "Wandering Stars." Clemence Dane.
- "Augustus Carp, Esq." (being the autobiography of a really good man). By Himself.
- "God's Stepchildren." Sarah Gertrude Millin.
- "Annihilation." Isabel Ostrander.
- "All that Matters." Pearl Weymouth.

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