

introduction to the enjoyment of Renaissance Painting, by Mr. R. Gliadowe of the National Gallery; (2) *September 23rd*—Some Great Painters of the Early Renaissance, by Mr. H. Wellington of the Royal College of Art; (3) *September 30th*—Some Great Painters of the Later Renaissance, by Mr. H. Wellington. Admission to Course—Members 3s., Non-Members 5s., Single Lecture 2s. Tickets obtainable from Miss A. Baines, Hon. General Secretary, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 1.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

Members of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, who contributed to the Memorial Fund for the late Mrs. Sarah Lidyard, S.R.N., will be interested to learn that it has been decided to place a tablet in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Harrow. The tablet will be a very handsome one, and on it will be placed the following inscription:—"To the memory of Sarah Gronow Lidyard, this tablet is placed by her sisters, friends in the Parish, and the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, of which she was a member for 30 years."

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses has decided to issue a quarterly statement of its activities, which are many, as testified in its *Nursing Review*, No. 1. We note that the Sale of the Guild of Handicrafts will be held in October, and that gifts will be gratefully received by the Guild Secretary, at 162, Oxford Street, at any time.

THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

The officers of the Nurses' Association of China, elected at the Annual Conference in Canton for two years, are:—*President*, Miss Gladys Stephenson, S.R.N., Anlu, Hupeh; *Vice-President*, Mrs. P. J. Todd, R.N., Canton; *General Secretary*, Miss E. Hope-Bell, S.R.N., Hankow, Hupeh; *Treasurer*, Miss Elizabeth Pollock, R.N., Shanghai; *Editorial Secretary*, Miss Margaret Dieter, R.N., Hofei, Anhui. Committee on Nursing Education—*Chairman*, Miss Nina D. Gage, R.N., Changsha, Hunan; *Vice-Chairman*, Miss Eva Gregg, R.N., Tientsin. Translation Committee—*Chairman*, Miss Margaret Logan, S.R.N., Tsinanfu. Curriculum Committee—*Chairman*, Miss A. Shackleton, S.R.N., Hankow. Registration Committee—*Chairman*, Miss Sada Tomlinson, R.N., Anking, An. Examination Committee—*Chairman*—Miss Esther J. Love, R.N., Hyaiyuan, An.

The last number of *The Quarterly Journal for Chinese Nurses* which has reached us contains very many interesting items, much space being devoted to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association in Shanghai, when the then President, Miss Gregg, who had been on furlough, and who had arrived in Shanghai a week earlier, was heartily welcomed, and to the Annual Conference held in Canton.

The General Secretary, Miss Cora Simpson, R.N. (who is continuing in office until the return of Miss Hope-Bell) presented to the Conference a report which summarised "the wonderful progress of the past two years, a development unequalled in any other Nurses' Association. As this growth and advance is due in large measure to the personal efforts of the General Secretary, loaned to the Association for these two years by her Mission, a heartfelt vote of thanks was offered by the Conference to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church."

It was decided to hold the next Conference at Nanking in February, 1926, and Miss Warner is enthusiastically making plans, including the erection of a new hospital building to accommodate the multitude of Chinese delegates that are expected to attend.

Consideration was also given to the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors in July, 1925. It was reported that the Nursing Association of China was entitled to four delegates. Miss Lillian Wu of the Shanghai Red Cross Hospital was elected to represent the N.A.C., and the report states "our next duty will be to raise funds to send our delegate." Miss Gage, Miss Simpson, and Miss Wyon, who will be on furlough at that time, were also designated as delegates, and were urged to plan their trip that they might visit Helsingfors at that time.

As the official language of the International Council of Nurses is English, Miss Wu will be able to enter into its proceedings, for we read: "Realising the delay necessitated by interpreting in two languages, Miss Wu made one of the most constructive criticisms of the (Canton) Conference when she urged that every N.A.C. School should require the pupils to study either Mandarin or English, and acquire a usable knowledge of the language studied. This suggestion, coming from a Chinese Nurse who has acquired both Mandarin and English should have additional weight. She has done twice as much as she is asking others to do."

"That there is a real need for Headquarters for the N.A.C. in Shanghai has become more and more evident to many of our members, and the Conference heartily approved of taking steps to meet this need. A Building Committee was appointed, and when contributions immediately began to come in, Mrs. Maxwell and Miss Wu were appointed Treasurers of the Fund."

The General Secretary writes: "Canton Conference voted we are to build our Association Headquarters in Shanghai. It is a venture or faith. The starting of our N.A.C. was also a venture of faith. The history of the Association in China is unparalleled in any country in the world. Does not the wonderful progress of the past two years thrill your very souls? Shall we plan to entertain the International Council of Nurses in our Headquarters in 1928? Make Hospital Day, Florence Nightingale's Birthday, May 12th, the time for presenting this plan to your friends. Write to our Publishers for the literature you will need. Can it be done? If we all work and pray and have faith—for with God nothing shall be impossible."

The following story was told by Dr. Maxwell to the Canton Conference:—

"An attending surgeon in a hospital in China saw a dog licking the dirt and filth that was collected on the ulcerated legs of a newly-admitted patient. He hardly approved of this method of cleansing the sores, so called the house surgeon to inquire the reason. The house surgeon said he had told the intern to do it. The intern, when questioned, said he had asked the head nurse to see to the matter. She in turn told a younger nurse to attend to it, and it was passed on to the probationer of the ward. At this point the surgeon ceased his investigation, the sequence was self-evident: the probationer had passed it on to the ward coolie, and he in turn had called in the dog!"

THE INTER-RELATIONS OF HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY.

Dr. Haven Emerson, Dr. Michael M. Davis, Junr., of New York, and Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, of New Haven, Conn., have been named as members of the committee of award of *The Modern Hospital's* prize essay competition on "The Inter-relationships of Hospital and Community."

This committee will meet, probably in New York, to consider the essays submitted, following the formal closing of the contest on November 1st, 1924.

Registrations for the competition will be received at the Chicago office of *The Modern Hospital* up to September 15th.

Further information may be obtained by addressing The Contest Editor, *The Modern Hospital*, 22, East Ontario Street, Chicago, Ill.

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