

head of the house is both an experienced nurse and a capable manager, such as Miss Smith, and the Home has already won golden opinions from those who have been there. A friend assures us that all those who have enjoyed its hospitality once will go again, and also advise their friends to make use of the Home. Tired Sisters and nurses, and others, would find a week-end or longer holiday at Napier both delightful and well spent. Further information can be obtained on application to Miss Smith.

The Matron's Report of the Nursing Department of the General Hospital, Nottingham, is again very encouraging, and we note that there have been so many applications for training in Housekeeping that many have had to be refused. The hospital is now training twelve fully trained Nurses each year in this important work. Domestic science is the basis of efficient Home and Ward Management, and such training is of the utmost value to future Matrons.

We always enjoy reading the *Bulletin* of the Association d'Hygiène Sociale de l'Aisne, and regret we have so little space to quote items of the very interesting work, so ably superintended by Miss Evelyn Walker at Soissons, for the American Committee for the devastated regions in France. The interests of the nurses go beyond their own region, and we are told of the visit and warm welcome of the International students from London, and "You may know the kind of group they are when we tell you that they left London early in the morning, travelled all day, making the necessary changes at Folkestone, Boulogne, and Paris, were all seasick, and yet, when they arrived at Soissons at ten o'clock at night, were able to indulge in hot chocolate, and the first question they asked was: 'How soon can we begin to go out with the Nurses?'"

We made them stay in bed for breakfast, but they began the next afternoon.

Norway, Denmark, Finland, Austria, Hungary, South America, Czecho-Slovakia, are represented in our first group."

Then Miss Walker tells us of the visit of eleven nurses to Bordeaux to take part in the Annual Meeting of the Bordeaux Hospital and Nursing School, more particularly to assist at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new hospital at Bagatelles.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has kept the inspiring pioneer work of Dr. Anna Hamilton for nursing in France before its readers for the past quarter of a century, the Editor having on many occasions enjoyed inspecting progress, and we are delighted to find support from our American colleagues now in France.

If only Mlle. Bosc, who bequeathed the lovely domain of Bagatelles to the Bordeaux Hospital, could see how her invaluable gift is being developed, how happy she would be! Dr. Anna Hamilton well deserves the "singing of the heart" the realisation of her ideals must effect.

La Dame à la Lampe, the Bulletin of the Florence Nightingale School for Nurses at Bordeaux, has translated and reprinted the notice, which appeared in our

January issue, of the appointment of Her Royal Highness, Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., as President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and by courtesy of that Association has reproduced the charming portrait of the Princess which appeared at the same time. The knowledge that a Royal Princess in this country has taken the trouble to pass through the curriculum of the trained nurse and obtained the State qualification should impress upon those interested in nursing in France the high regard in which a nurse's training is held by the highest in the land in Great Britain.

The League of Red Cross Societies, which is located in Paris, has recently appointed an Advisory Committee on Nursing, similar to its Advisory Committee on Medical Affairs. In addition to the President of the International Council of Nurses, it includes an expert on training school affairs, on Red Cross Nursing and Public Health Nursing. The latter has been secured from America, Miss Elizabeth G. Fox, President of the National Organisation for Public Health Nursing, having been appointed for this purpose.

A sub-committee of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, consisting of the following members, has been appointed to confer with Miss Fox: Misses Clara D. Noyes, Julia C. Stimson, M. Adelaide Nutting, S. Lillian Clayton, Mary Beard, and Mary Gardner—quite a galaxy of talent.

The third meeting of the Grand Council of the League of Red Cross Societies was held in Paris from April 28th to May 2nd, and was attended by representatives of many international societies.

Baroness Mannerheim, President of the International Council of Nurses, attended. She has recently been visiting Red Cross Nursing Centres with Miss Olmsted in Southern Europe.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia is actively at work on a plan for the endowment of a Chair of Nursing at the University of Virginia, in order that Southern nurses may not only receive post-graduate work at home, but also that a five years' course, leading to a degree or a certificate in nursing, may be offered.

TRAINED INDIAN NURSES.

Last June the foundation-stone was laid at Simla of the Lady Reading Hospital for Indian women and children, and on April 25th Her Excellency opened the hospital, which is most beautifully situated on a picturesque wooded spur commanding charming views. The hospital is designed to extend the scheme originally started by Lady Dufferin, whose hospital is now inadequate for Simla's needs, and will, in future, be the welfare centre and out-patient department, from which patients may be sent to the new hospital, which is equipped with all modern accessories; and well endowed as the result of the generous support given to Lady Reading's appeal.

The staff of the hospital consists of two English women doctors, of whom the chief is Dr. Charlotte Houlton, and two English nursing sisters, the rest being Indian nurses and probationers, since a feature of the scheme is the formation of a nucleus of trained Indian nurses.

The Viceroy thanked Lady Reading on behalf of the Government, and Sir Mahommed Shafi voiced the gratitude of the people of India.

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