

Hospitals and Schools of Nursing, Observation and Practice, Teaching, and Sociology.

Had Miss Stephenson been able to find a Course of Instruction such as she required in this country she would not have gone to America. Let us hope that, in the near future, British nurses from overseas, may be able to receive the post-graduate instruction in nursing they require in the Mother Country, when they re-visit it. A limited number only have the keenness, and thirst for thoroughness, which have impelled Miss Stephenson to take a journey of thousands of miles in order to obtain the instruction she desires.

Internationalism.

In an address on "Internationalism" given at the Nanking Congress, Miss Stephenson remarked, "Oldham says that 'Friendship is the key to mutual understanding between the races.' A human fellowship in which the estranging differences of races are completely transcended is not merely an ideal to be worked out in the future, but is an actual present experience. It is found in medicine, nursing, art, and science. Who cares to what race a man may belong who finds a cure for cancer or any of the ills that afflict humanity? Ask our delegates to Finland how much the sense of international friendship impressed them. We Nurses are specially privileged in having this bond of fellowship with the Nurses of the world. Let us see to it that we prize this opportunity of world fellowship, be active members, do all we can to strengthen the bond, seek by every means we can to promote this international fellowship. Gladly pay our dues, and work whole heartedly for the Congress of the International Council of Nurses, which is to meet in Peking in 1929.

The last issue of the *Quarterly Journal* contains a charming portrait of H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., a reproduction of an autograph photograph given to Miss Stephenson for presentation to N.A.C. Headquarters. Concerning the visit of Miss Stephenson and Miss Cora Simpson to this country that journal says:—

"On arrival in London they went to the Club of the Royal British Nurses' Association where they were warmly welcomed by Miss Macdonald, the Secretary. On Monday, May 4th, a reception was held at the R.B.N.A. Club, at which the President, H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., presided. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder of the I.C.N. presented Miss Stephenson, ex-President of the N.A.C., and Miss Cora Simpson, and other guests. In the name of the N.A.C. Miss Stephenson presented a beautiful bouquet of scarlet carnations and golden iris, tied with red and gold ribbon, N.A.C. colours, she and Miss Simpson giving the three-fold bow (Chu-kong). The Princess graciously received them, and then handed an autographed photograph of herself to Miss Stephenson, to be presented to the N.A.C. Headquarters. Later in conversation, Her Royal Highness asked about the work in China, Chinese men nurses, and other subjects. She was pleased to hear that the N.A.C. was entirely controlled by nurses, and said she would like to come to the Peking Conference.

WELCOME TO MISS STEPHENSON FROM AMERICAN NURSES.

In a letter just received from Miss Stephenson from the School of Nursing Department, Western Reserve Department, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., she writes:—

"I was suprised by a wonderful welcome in New York. Several of the nursing leaders were there to meet me on the Docks.

"Miss Agnes G. Deans, Director, American Nurses' Association; Miss Pfefferkorn, of the National League of Nursing Education; Miss E. Clapp, Field Secretary of the A.N.A.; Miss Ada Carr, Editor of the Public Health Journal; Miss Mary Brown, Representative of the American

Red Cross. All the Association's were represented you see. "I was kindly invited to stay at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, with Miss Young, Miss Maxwell's successor. I had a wonderful week there arranged for by these Nurses.

One day I spent at the Headquarters of the American Nurses' Association, seeing their work. I also visited Bellevue Hospital and saw the Mill School for men nurses, as well as the Women's School. One interesting evening was spent at the Henry Street Settlement. Two days were spent at Yale, where I met Miss Goodrich and Miss Effie J. Taylor and saw the work of their University School of Nursing.

"I also spent one day at a Mental Hospital or *Psychopathic* Hospital as the nicer American term has it. America is greatly in advance of England in this branch of Nursing. Many of the General Hospital Nurses affiliate for three or four months during their course at these psychopathic hospitals. The Nurses who train in a psychopathic hospital take one year's general training and two years' in their own hospital, and their status and prestige seem to be equal to that of a general trained nurse.

"On the Thursday evening, a dinner was given in New York by Miss Mary G. Brown, representing the American Red Cross at which I met twenty-four of the leading Nurses in New York. The tables were very pretty, decorated with red flowers, red candles and red rose place cards. It was a most enjoyable evening. I was asked to tell them something of our plans for the I.C.N. at Peking, and great interest was evinced, many of those present declaring their intention to be present.

Miss Stewart of Teachers' College, was there of course, and several people enquired after Miss Brey who they had met in Finland.

"Then I went on to Philadelphia and met Miss Lillian Clayton and talked for some hours to her about the programme for Peking. I also met Miss Goodnow, author of "An Outline on Nursing History," and other books.

"Now I have reached Cleveland and have settled down to class work again. I find it exceedingly interesting and refreshing. I take two hours a week with Professor Hawkinson on 'Planning the Curriculum in Schools of Nursing,' which is a special study of the curriculum in nursing schools, the aims that determine the content, selection and arrangement of subjects, correlation with practical experiences, &c.

"Then two hours a week on 'Teaching of Nursing Principles and Methods,' which is a splendid course for those who are training Nurses. Also three hours a week with a Professor Rush on 'Educational Psychology,' and three hours with another Professor in the College for Women on "The Principles of Teaching." We study Dewey's textbook on 'How we Think,' and we *do* have to think. After this I am free to go into any other class, also I visit the various hospitals to observe the new methods.

"As Miss Nutting was not able to be present at the dinner given on Thursday night, I was invited to have dinner with her on the Saturday evening. Miss Stewart and Miss Hudson also were present. Miss Nutting inquired after Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Brey, and was keen to have details of the new British College. We talked of the I.C.N., the Peking Congress, and it was a great pleasure to meet Miss Nutting and listen to her views.

"So the only person I did not see was Miss Dock, I may possibly meet her later on.

"The A.N.A. Nurses, especially the Editor of the *Journal*, Miss Roberts, asked anxiously about the new British College and its aims.

"So I told her just how eagerly we had welcomed it in England and they were quite glad to hear about it. I found that Miss Agnes G. Deans is the Director of the A.N.A. at the Headquarters in New York, while Miss Clayton is President, but lives at the Philadelphia General, where she is Superintendent of Nurses."

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