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Miss Harmer is the author of text-books used in many Canadian and American Schools of Nursing: "The Principles and Practice of Nursing," and "Methods and Principles of Teaching the Principles and Practice of Nursing." She is at present working on a second edition of the former book, which is to be translated into French for use in the Schools of Nursing in France.

It is anticipated that many nurses will be interested in the opportunity thus afforded to take post-graduate courses under the distinguished leadership of one so well qualified and so experienced in nursing education.

When a party from the Grenfell medical mission station at Blanc Sablon travelled 15 miles by dog sled to Greenly Island for the purpose of succouring the airmen of the Bremen, Miss Greta Ferris, a Canadian nurse, was attached to the mission. Subsequently she sent to the newspapers of St. John, New Brunswick, the following terse but lucid account, by wireless, of an interview with the Baron von Hünefeld, as related by the Ottawa correspondent of *The Times*.

"The Bremen took 36 hours from Dublin to Greenly Island in fog most of the way. They lost their bearings as their compass was inaccurate, and arrived at noon on Friday. They mistook the lighthouse for a steamer frozen in the ice. The fog prevented a good landing. They injured their axle and damaged the airscrew. The aeroplane was hoisted on a gasoline tank and boards, and is still in the same position. The Baron went first to the lighthouse, where he was given dry footwear, but he declined food until his companions had left the aeroplane. Their first meal was of biscuits and fresh milk. The Baron complains of the cold, and is anxious to reach New York, which he knows. Major FitzMaurice says that Labrador is not Ireland, which is much warmer. Captain Köhl does not complain. All are thankful about the accomplishment of the feat, but are very modest."

Miss Gladys E. Stephenson, F.B.C.N., Principal of the School of Nursing of the Union Hospital, Hankow, writes:—

"Did I, or did I not, write to thank you for the safe arrival of my diploma? I was delighted with it, and it is now framed and hanging in my office here. It has been exceedingly difficult to sit down quietly at my desk and do any writing other than pressing business writing for some time, but a lightening of the pressure is in sight, fortunately, as our official opening takes place next week. We moved into this nice new building two months ago, but only this week got rid of carpenters, plumbers, men putting up mosquito screening, etc. We had to go out at intervals and choose our furniture from stores and from sales, as well as place it in position, and also organise the ward work and the thousand things that go towards the smooth running of a modern hospital.

"Twice a week I go to two other hospitals to teach, as I am Principal of four schools altogether now affiliated and called the Union School of Nursing. The Assistant Matron is Miss Ida Sparkes, from the Manchester Royal

Infirmery, and now we have Miss Milner also, from the Royal Hospital at Sheffield, and together we have had the joy of seeing the hospital gradually getting into the running order of the standard we set out to achieve.

"To-morrow we have a capping ceremony for the last class of preliminary students who have now finished the probationary period and become student nurses. We have several excellent Chinese graduate nurses in charge of theatres, out-patient departments, medical and surgical floor, and so on. People in Hankow, both Chinese and foreign, seem so happy to see this new work open and developing in this critical time, spelling hope and encouragement amidst much that is depressing and doubtful. I am so interested in the news of the progress of the British College of Nurses that comes in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, and wish for it continued success and service. I hope to write more later."

AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS.

The Matron and the Nursing Staff at the Kingston and District Hospital, Kingston Hill, had one of the pleasantest and most unforgettable experiences of their lives on April 23rd, when a large parcel was received from Her Majesty the Queen, from Windsor Castle, containing for the Nurses a very large portion of Princess Elizabeth's Birthday Cake, including ornaments.

On the occasion of the recent opening of the Nurses' Home by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York (accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of York), it was the desire of the Nurses to ask Her Royal Highness to accept a doll fully dressed in a Nurse's uniform, as a present for the Princess Elizabeth, but owing to the fact that scarlet fever had shortly before broken out in the Hospital, it was considered unwise for such a suggestion to be carried out.

Her Royal Highness, however, expressed her willingness at some later date to accept the doll, and this, in due course, was sent.

The doll was about 2 ft. high, and all the clothing had been made by the Nurses, with the exception of the corsets, and the shoes, which were made by an ex-Service man, Mr. Leonard Harding, of 25, Denmark Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

It was one of the greatest pleasures to the Nursing Staff to dress the doll, and great excitement prevailed amongst them, but their excitement was ten times intensified when they received the beautiful parcel of Birthday Cake.

The gift arrived just before the Guardians' Hospital Committee were sitting, and it was taken to the Committee and shown to the members, and the Guardians immediately decided that a special glass case should be provided so that the ornaments on the cake might be preserved and kept as a memento in the Nurses' Home.

After the doll had been sent, a letter from the Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York was received, stating that she had been desired by Her Royal Highness to convey to the Nursing Staff at the Kingston and District Hospital Her Royal Highness's very cordial thanks for the beautiful doll which they had so kindly presented to Princess Elizabeth. The Duchess considered that the Nurse's uniform and the doll's whole outfit had been so admirably reproduced, and the Lady-in-Waiting was asked to assure each member of the Nursing Staff that their lovely gift would give great pleasure to Princess Elizabeth.

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