

Accommodation was provided at the Union Hospital. The Wuhan Nurses' Auxiliary was in charge of the hospitality arrangements, for which no charge was made.

Delegates brought their own bedding and pocket-money needed for visiting the Wuhan cities.

A fee of \$1 was charged for registration.

#### PAGES FROM THE HISTORY OF NURSING IN AMERICA.

A paper read before a Nurses' Convention, presumably by the Editor of *Nursing Journal of India*, and published in that Journal, gives an interesting account of the history of Nursing in America as the writer considered the whole history of Nursing too vast to attempt. In the course of this we read:—

"The strong, sterling qualities of the leaders of the nursing reform movement wrought wonderful and lasting results, both to the individual institution and to those hospitals which were later administered by graduates from these schools. These women who brought nursing through what we might call its first phase were a strong, determined, intrepid set of workers. Their work was largely house cleaning on an extended scale. They warred against dirt and disorder, immorality and irresponsibility, political corruption and every form of opposition and hostility. These women pioneered in hospital regeneration, training school organisation, visiting, nursing and private duty, and in improving professional instruction. With a few exceptions, the first American and Canadian schools provided all nursing leaders for the subsequent expansion in their countries.

"For some years all effort to improve nursing was individual and more or less isolated, but after some twenty years of this intense individual experience the need of union was widely and keenly felt. It came to be realised that the pioneer schools had an exclusive spirit, that nursing workers were separated, had no points of contact, and that standards were beginning to vary greatly. The very popular success of trained nurses was proving a danger, for it facilitated an enormous increase in the number of hospitals and as these multiplied each one organised its own school for pupil nurses. This rapid growth tended to break down the safeguards thrown about the pupil, and the educational standards, imperfect as they were, needed to be constantly improved.

"The World's Fair, which was held in Chicago in 1893, gave an opportunity to nursing leaders to express their ideas. A Congress of Hospitals and Dispensaries was planned and Miss Isabel Hampton was appointed Chairman of the nursing section. Among the papers read were 'The Necessity of an American Nursing Association,' 'The Alumnae Associations—their Need and Importance' and 'Educational Standards.' The writer of the last named paper urged a three-year course and an eight-hour day for pupil nurses.

"The results of this meeting were very gratifying. It provided for an exchange of ideas, gave support and encouragement to the individuals attending and tended to give purpose and direction to the movement. At this time the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools was formed and steps were taken to encourage union among nurses with a view to a future national society."

#### THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

We are asked to state that a happy holiday for Nurses, by Sheringham's sunny shores, is being organised by the Nurses' Missionary League from June 8th-June 22nd. The cost is from £2 2s. a week according to room. All particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Nurses' Missionary League, 135, Ebury St., London, S.W.1.

#### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to become patron of the British Hospitals Association. The honour thus conferred is of special significance, as the International Hospital Conference will be held in America in June.

On Tuesday, April 30th, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the Eastman Dental Clinic of the Royal Free Hospital, W.C. The primary object of the Clinic is to provide dental treatment for children residing in St. Pancras, Holborn, Finsbury, and Islington, but treatment and advice will also be provided for expectant and nursing mothers, and a certain number of adults of other classes. The £200,000 necessary for endowment and equipment are being provided by the generosity of Mr. George Eastman, of Rochester, N.Y., and an endowment fund of £100,000 by that of the President of the Hospital (Lord Riddell), and its Hon. Treasurer (Sir Albert Levy), but a considerable sum is still needed to complete the endowment of the Clinic, if this is not to be, in part, a charge on the general funds. It is hoped to open the Clinic next year.

The Duke and Duchess of York will go to Inverness on Friday, May 17th, to open the extension of the Northern Infirmary, and from Inverness to Edinburgh for the General Assembly, which opens on May 21st.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, in common with many institutions, has sustained a severe loss in the death of Lord Revelstoke.

In 1906 Lord Revelstoke was appointed by his present Majesty, then Prince of Wales and President of the King's Fund, as one of the first members of the newly formed Finance Committee. In 1915 he succeeded the late Lord Rothschild as Treasurer and Chairman of the Committee. He devoted unremitting attention to the financial welfare of the Fund, and to the maintenance of its stability.

During his twenty-one years of office the Fund's income from investments increased from £51,261 to £173,175, and its annual grants to the London hospitals from £123,750 to £250,000. The progress made by the King's Fund during this period was largely due to the care with which he watched over its interests and to the confidence which he inspired.

A further gift from Mr. H. W. Marshall has recently been received at the Bank of England for King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, to be added to the "family fund," inaugurated by Mr. Marshall in 1927, and known as "The Marshall Fund." The new gift consists of £13,000 Japan 4 per cent. 1910 Bonds. In 1927 Mr. Marshall, who had previously acted as a lay visitor on behalf of the King's Fund, and had also given the Fund freehold property valued at £12,000, presented the Fund with £10,000 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, and this was augmented last year by a legacy of £3,711 17s. 1d. from Miss Elizabeth Marshall, sister of the donor. The "Marshall Fund" is the first "family fund" to be created for the benefit of the King's Fund, and was inaugurated by Mr. Marshall in the hope that others might follow his example.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund benefits by £20,000 under the will of Mr. Iltyd Williams, Branksome Park, Bournemouth.

Through Dr. W. M. Robson, senior physician at Northampton General Hospital, a woman has given £3,503 anonymously to defray the cost of twenty bedrooms recently built for nurses.

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