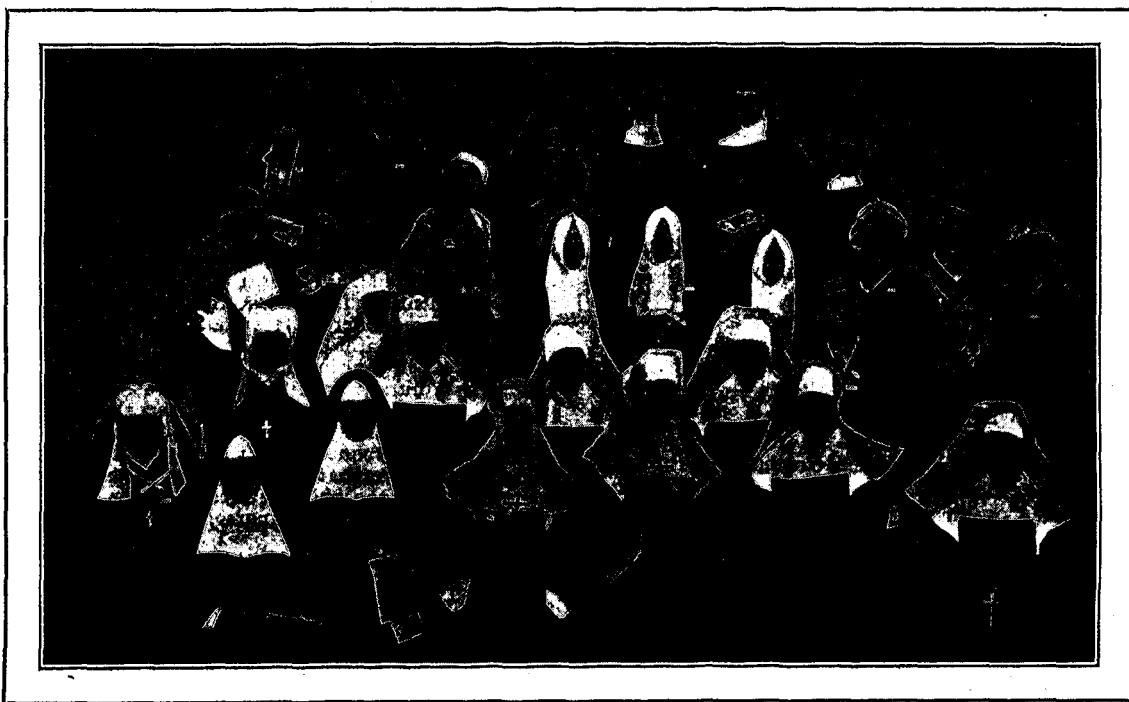


masks and cover their hands with artificial skin. They paint part of the victim's body brown for a similar reason and drench him with purgatives to drive the ghost from his body. Knives of steel are used which have previously been put under a strict taboo. Only the ritually purified may touch them. While cutting a hole in the unfortunate victim the High Priest frequently becomes greatly excited, sweats freely and objugates the female acolytes."

One of the most happy features of the I.C.N. Congress is that so many religious Sisters attend, and are warmly welcomed. Their presence adds greatly to the high tone of the Conference. This year we met many delightful "religieuses." The Address of Sœur Pierre, Directrice de l'École d'Infirmières de l'Université de Louvain, delivered in Brussels on July 15th, on "Princi-

producing nurses who want to relieve their neighbour in misery and want. They seem to produce nurses who are sufficient unto themselves, who really wonder why there should be a supervisor. No one seeks this type of nurse, neither patient, doctor, nor institution. We, as a profession, are seeking to do good. Nobody can challenge that fact. But, in our enthusiasm over our own advancements, investigations and endeavours, we are overlooking in a large measure the very thing that a few years ago made the nurse what she was—friend, adviser, as well as medical servant, wise, kindly, to be looked up to and given full trust. She received longer training in practice, trust and responsibility to meet the needs of her patients in misery and distress. Our nurses graduating in twenty-eight months are lacking in the experience which comes from working with the patient. So let us put in more bedside nursing, even



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ples and Ideals in Education: Their Application to Nursing Education," was pronounced *the* Address of the Congress, and we believe it is to be published in leaflet form for the benefit of Nurses throughout the world.

At the recent convention of the California League of Nursing Education, held at Los Angeles, Sister Helen, R.N., Director of the School of Nursing, St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles, said in a discussion on the Three Years' Course: "Dean Goodrich, whom most of us consider an authority in nursing education, has said that three years is barely sufficient for the clinical experience necessary for the nurse. We, in California, have been trying since 1923 to give this in twenty-eight months, and then, advanced work. We are dissatisfied with the results of our elective courses. Most of the schools have discontinued them because electives were not.

if it does take three years. Then follow with specialties, and if necessary make them a requirement for registration.

"I do not believe that we have a single nurse educator to-day who was not primarily a good bedside nurse. The foundation for specialised work in any field of nursing is good bedside nursing. It has been said that the evil that holds modern nursing in its grip is too much theory and not enough practice; too much talking about the bedside and not enough working beside it.

"If we have too many nurses, why shorten the period of preparation? We must give them sufficient time to acquire the theoretical instruction, to excel in physical skill in caring for the patient, and to become orientated in that work. Our aim is to make nurses intelligent, virtuous, and free, capable of self-guidance and of self-control, so that all shall lead a fair and holy life with God and be worthy of caring for God's masterpiece."

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