

methods taken to combat this. On the first day, when the outbreak was recognised, there were one hundred and twenty deaths, but clinics were quickly formed, intravenous saline injections were administered and, in the end, seventy per cent. of the cases recovered. We could realise something of the state of affairs, however, when we were told that four hundred and sixty-five people were buried in one grave, tied up in their pathetic looking shrouds of mat. Arrangements were speedily made to ensure a pure water supply, and when the Chinese Red Cross Sanitary Corps appeared on the scene things began to get easier.

Miss Stephenson is fond of telling of the "opportunities" that came with the flood. A characteristic one was related of how she and the Minister of Health were kept waiting by Colonel Lindberg, who had been employed in estimating the extent of the flooded area. An argument arose on the advisability of curtailing the training of a nurse to a term of two years in order to meet the great demand in China for more nurses; Miss Stephenson was able to convince him of the undesirability of this, and thereby the three years' standard was finally established for China.

Miss Stephenson paid a tribute to the work done in the Ministry of Health's Hospital at Nankin where Mrs. Pon Yen is Matron or, as they say in China, Principal; the latter is President of the Chinese Nurses' Association and is to attend the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Paris as one of the Official Delegates from China.

Miss Kent, who took the Chair, thanked Miss Stephenson for her lecture, remarking that the episode which she regarded as the most impressive of all was that, indicative of Miss Stephenson's courage and faith, in going quietly to bed and to sleep in her flooded home. Others spoke with great appreciation of the lecture.

#### CLUB FIXTURES.

The Ramblers' Club spent a delightful afternoon recently at the Elizabethan Loan Exhibition and we have arranged for them to go to the Loan Exhibition of Three French Reigns at 25, Park Lane on March 13th. The cost of admission to the collection is 5s. There are many beautiful things in this exhibition that we shall never have opportunity to see again and it is a real bit of mental sunshine to find oneself among such lovely works of art, a healthy change of atmosphere from all the harassing conditions of everyday life at the present time.

On Wednesday, March 22nd, at 3.0 p.m. we are looking forward to a great treat. Dr. Tempest Bennett is to give us a lecture on "Old Japan and her Art." Dr. Bennett is a well-known authority on his subject and he is to bring beautiful examples from his own collection and from others, so that we shall see many specimens of the handicraft

of a people who have long been famed for their marvellous artistic skill. We hope that many Members and their friends will find it possible to attend and hear what Dr. Bennett has to say.

On Wednesday, March 29th, Miss Schuller is organising an "American Tea" at the Club in order to help us to raise the amount which this Association has undertaken to contribute to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Scholarships. For the benefit of the uninitiated we had better explain that an "American Tea," as it is to be understood in the present instance, is a little sale of work; the idea is that everyone sends a gift of one shilling in value and everyone makes purchases amounting to at least a similar sum. The charge for tea will be sixpence. Miss Macdonald hopes to be able to secure for the afternoon a fine set of slides called "Things beautiful and wonderful in human surroundings" which will be shown at 3.0 p.m. There will be no charge for this. The Sale commences at 2.0 p.m.

Miss Liddiatt is arranging for a Ramble by charabanc

to Winchester in April, not only that we may see something of the sights of that ancient city, so intimately connected with the life of Matilda of Boulogne, one of the great "Royal Nurses," but also because by going there we drive through parts of the country which are particularly beautiful in the Springtime. It will be a most delightful drive indeed and, although the date is not yet definitely fixed, we ask those who would like to join in the expedition to communicate with us so that we may have some idea of the size of the charabanc required and we will then also give them further particulars regarding arrangements.



Miss Gladys Stephenson, S.R.N., setting out on her rounds from a window in her house when the flood reached halfway up its height.

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#### OBITUARY.

##### Miss Annie Burrows.

It is with sincere regret that we have to report the death of Miss Annie Burrows. Trained at the Manchester Royal Infirmary she joined the Association many years ago. Under her will, after certain legacies and life interests have been met, Miss Burrows leaves the residue of her estate to the Royal British Nurses' Association but, at the date of going to press, we are not yet aware what the legacy will amount to. It is to be invested by the Executive Committee and the interest arising is to be used by them "as an Annuity for aged Professional Nurses who are Members of the Association." We feel deep gratitude for the kind thought for her aged colleagues which prompted this legacy from Miss Burrows. The benevolent activities of the Association owe much to such kindness and generosity.

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