

#### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

It has been arranged that the spring "At Home" of the University College Hospital Nurses' League will be held at the Nurses' Home, Huntley Street, W.C.1, on Saturday, April 28th, at 3.15 p.m.

These reunions are always very popular, and we have no doubt the League members will foregather in force.

#### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, PRESTON, NURSES' LEAGUE.

The *League Journal* of the Royal Infirmary, Preston, Nurses' League is one of the most distinguished journals issued by nurses, and its very handsome cover, emblazoned with splendid armorials on a Red Cross and motto "Unity is Strength" is an ornament to any library table.

pictures, which we have permission to reproduce, the blocks having been most kindly lent to us for this purpose.

Miss Enid Tindall writes as follows:—

"Dear Miss Marks,—I thought you would like to see these few snapshots which we have quite recently had taken of our hospital out here in China.

"We have now three English sisters working here, the first time we have had so many, and it makes such a difference to the work. It is impossible to do things thoroughly or teach the native nurses much when you have two or three departments to look after.

"I am now in charge of the maternity work and 'foreign patients.' The 'foreign patients' mean any missionaries or others who may come to the hospital, as this is the only hospital in the province of Yunnan (about the size of France), we get missionaries coming as far as four or five weeks' journey sometimes; especially maternity



Miss Enid Tindall and Her Staff.

On the opening page, Miss M. A. Marks, Matron and President, sends a "League Message" for 1934, which concludes with a quotation from Goethe:—

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,

We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,

Shun not the struggle—face it, 'tis God's Gift."

The *Journal* is full of good things and of details specially interesting to the members, and Miss S. F. Rossiter, the Hon. Secretary, is to be congratulated on its arrangement.

Nurse Street's "Anderson" Prize Essay on "Brain Tumour" is indeed worthy of a prize, and "The Treatment of Fractures," contributed by Mr. T. F. Todd, B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), the Resident Medical Officer, is thoroughly up to date and informative.

Then we come to "Extracts from Letters from our Overseas League Members," and amongst them one from Miss Enid Tindall, Sister, Christian Missionary Hospital, Yunnan Fu, S. China, illustrated by three fascinating

cases coming for their first baby. Other cases I continually have are typhus, typhoid, dysentery and almost anything, even one case of smallpox, but, of course, there are weeks at a time when I have no foreigners to nurse.

"I have only 10 beds for maternity cases, but as I have about 500 babies a year there are often times when I have more patients than beds. They do not stay very long in hospital, the average is seven days, as we charge them by the week, but quite a number leave even before that. About 70 per cent. of the cases are previously registered and examined, but ante-natal work is very difficult as they are very superstitious and think an abdominal examination kills the baby; quite a number of women register and then have their babies in their homes, only coming to us if something goes wrong.

"I have had a tremendous run of premature babies lately, little things of 3 lbs., and I have been glad of the experience I got at the Mothercraft Training Society in dealing with them; one twin was only 2 lb. 11 oz. at birth.

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