

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE.

In an interesting booklet, "Responding to the Challenge," giving "glimpses in the lives of five Nursing Sisters Overseas," recently published by the Nurses' Missionary League, Miss P. R. A. Sharpe, S.R.N., who holds the certificate of the London Hospital, gives an interesting account of the "Rapid Progress in China" in connection with the Nursing Profession. She writes in part:—

"The training given in schools recognised by the Nurses' Association of China is often of high standard and the examinations set compare very favourably with those required in England. China has long taken her place as a full member of the International Council of

to influence the outlook of China with regard to the position of women and the causes of disease. At first, women nursed only women patients, men nursing the men. Now, in almost all hospitals, women are seen nursing men naturally and well. Thus, social ideas as to the inferiority of women, and as to the place of manual work are changing, while public health work shows how much disease is preventable."

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from Miss Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, price 6d., by post, 7d.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES.

The Duke of York presided on November 22nd, at a meeting of the council of the British Red Cross Society, at the headquarters of the society at 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W. 1:

The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, reported on the inspections she had made and on the general activities of the detachments for the last half-year. She stated that membership was increasing and the keenness and efficiency of the members most satisfactory.

Sir Arthur Stanley reported that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation was formally inaugurated on July 5th, and Sir Harold Fawcus and Dame Sarah Swift were appointed to represent the British Red Cross Society on the council.

It was also reported that the Red Cross ball in aid of the society's clinic for rheumatism, under the patronage of the Duke

and Duchess of York and other members of the Royal Family, would take place on Wednesday, November 28th. Under the chairmanship of Lady Plymouth the ball promised to be a great success. Over 1,000 tickets had been issued. Among the many attractions were a diamond ring, worth £600, and other valuable prizes. The cabaret was being arranged by Mr. Nelson Keys, and Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Miss Violet Vanbrugh, Miss Gladys Cooper, Miss Flora Robson, and Miss Margaretta Scott would impersonate five nursing heroines.

STETHOS.

Now that we are looking forward to a spell of cold weather the question of where to obtain cosy annexe capes and cloaks becomes an important consideration. In the North, Messrs. J. & H. Bounds, 4, Whitworth Street, Manchester 1, supply desirable ones, at excellent value, as well as dresses made to measure and uniforms of all kinds.



[By courtesy]

[London Missionary Society.]

Some successful members of the Nursing Staff on Prize Day, Lister Memorial Hospital, Shanghai.

Nurses; and the N.A.C. is now an integral part of the National Government of China.

"Alongside of this progress in training and in organisation of the profession, has gone rapid development of the openings for nurses. Besides mission hospitals there are now a number of hospitals run by the Government and an increasing number run privately by the Chinese, and nurses are always in great demand. Nurses are to be found in nursing homes and in schools, on the district, doing public health work and welfare work, maternity and fever nursing, private and special nursing. Others are working in offices, as inspectors of hospitals, assisting private doctors, and even as employees of firms selling patent foods.

"These nurses are having a great influence upon social conditions. The nursing profession is also being used

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