

avoid them. Next came a diagram showing the ulceration that resulted in the body and why the fever lasted so long. Then we were shown, step by step, just how the patient should be carefully nursed through each week of the disease. Next we were shown the interesting array of attractive looking trays, with a great variety of fluids, cream soups, jellies, custards, down to the last tray when minced chicken, lightly boiled eggs, etc., might be partaken of. The final team then suggested what should be done for the convalescent patient, how to husband his strength, keep him interested and try to teach him, in an interesting way, how to avoid infections in future and so on. Then came a description of the final chart, an intensely interesting one which described the percentage of recoveries in one hundred cases. . . .

"The meeting was voted the best they had held yet and they are all anxious to make the future ones just as interesting and instructive."

Miss Stephenson also tells of a party given by the nurses in the fine new Nurses' Home at the Union Hospital in the third week of October, which marked the twentieth year of her arrival in China. They had a programme arranged, when a nurse took the chair, and Mr. James Liu, her first pupil in the Men's Hospital at Anlu, described the days before she reached there, and then some of the experiences when, with Dr. Cundall, the hospital and Training School was organised. Other reminiscences followed, and then two nurses came forward and presented Miss Stephenson with a satin banner worked in the nurses' colours, red and gold. The inscription in Chinese characters commemorated her work of 20 years. Then they led us all to a gaily decorated supper table, in the centre of which was a beautiful birthday cake glowing with 20 candles. "Dr. and Mrs. Cundall sat there with us," says Miss Stephenson, "and happiness and love seemed to envelop us from the nurses around."

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OF NURSING.

"I would be true, for there are
those who trust me ;
I would be pure, for there
are those who care ;
I would be strong, for there is much
to suffer ;
I would be brave, for there is much
to dare ;
I would be friend to all ; the foe ; the
friendless ;
I would be giving, and forget the gift ;
I would be humble, for I know my
weakness ;
I would look up and laugh—and love,
and lift."

THE CRIMEAN EXHIBITION.

At the Royal United Services Institution in Whitehall, S.W.1, there is now open the Crimean Exhibition, and amongst the most interesting items are those lent by St. Thomas's Hospital and the British College of Nurses, relating to Miss Florence Nightingale. The College have on view (1) A photograph of Florence Nightingale taken by command of Queen Victoria, on her return from the Crimea ; (2) A framed coloured print of the Interior of the Hospital at Scutari ; (3) Letters from the Crimea referring to the publication of her Memoirs ; and (4) Warrant appointing a nurse to serve in the Crimea. An hour can be very profitably spent at this interesting Exhibition.

THE AMERICAN NURSING WORLD.

Already the American Nursing Press is beginning to buzz with information concerning the joint convention of the three national nursing organisations to be held on June 21st to 26th this year at Los Angeles, California. Miss Susan C. Francis, as President of the American Nurses' Association, will take a leading part in the proceedings. Called to the leadership of this vast organisation of registered nurses of the United States, numbering at latest count 117,000 members, Miss Francis has been prepared for the task through a long schooling in the principles of organisation. Those of us who have come into touch with Miss Francis through the International Council of Nurses, and last summer as a delegate to the Grand Council Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, realise the value of her independent and fearless judgment.

The resignation of Miss Anna C. Jammé as Director of Headquarters and Editor of the *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing* is a real loss to the California State Nurses' Association. At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors held recently at San Francisco, after paying a splendid tribute to Miss Jammé for her activities in the advancement of nurses and nursing in California, Miss Deutsch proposed that with a feeling of gratitude for all she had done for nursing and with feelings which could not be expressed in words the resignation of Miss Jammé be accepted. This motion was seconded and agreed.

Dr. Bryan then recommended that the Board propose Miss Jammé for the award of the W. S. Saunders Medal for Distinguished Service in Nursing Organisation and Nursing Registration and Education in California.

This motion was seconded and carried unanimously by rising vote.

We have pleasure in announcing that, following the presentation of badges to the members of the first graduating class of the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing at Bordeaux, the President of the Board of Trustees, Monsieur Faure, has presented to Miss Clara D. Noyes, President of the American Advisory Committee of the School, a gold replica of the badge.

Congratulations to Miss Jammé and Miss Noyes on well-deserved recognition.

President Roosevelt Appreciates the Heroism of Nurses.

In a recent citation President Roosevelt recognises the nurses who contracted infantile paralysis while in line of duty in the outbreak of the epidemic in Los Angeles during the summer of 1934. The President writes:—"It has just come to my attention that some 38 nurses were victims of an infantile paralysis epidemic in Los Angeles. My heart goes out to these young sufferers—living martyrs to their unselfish devotion to the nursing profession. I should greatly appreciate if you would convey to each of them an expression of my fellow feeling for them in the sacrifice they have made and are making.

"Any words of mine seem feeble, indeed, in the face of their affliction ; and yet, I cannot restrain the impulse to record my appreciation of their heroism. Because of their suffering, the suffering of others was alleviated. They will ever be held in honoured reverence for their unselfish ministrations."

The sympathy of so long-suffering and great a man as President Roosevelt will, we feel sure, be deeply valued by his countrywomen in nursing ranks.

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