

administrative power and experience to cope with the work. A resolution in this sense was agreed.

The concluding session of the Conference was held at the Jaggampeta Palace, Mylapore.

The Conference adopted a Nurses' Charter in which were embodied, among other things, suggestions for the appointment in each province of a Nurse Registrar, where the Registration Act is in force, and for the appointment, also in each province, of a Directress of Nursing.

It concluded with a Garden Party given by the Zamin-darni of Jaggampeta.

THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

The Nursing Journal of China, just to hand, makes announcement of the Annual Conference held in Sage Hall, University of Nanking, from September 30th to October 7th, and makes the inspiring statement: "Since our last Conference, State Registration of Nurses and Schools has been given to us by our Government. Our Central Board of Nursing Education has been appointed and gone into action, and we have our Secretary in her Office in the Ministry of Education."

That the Conference was held in the beautiful city of Nanking with her "romantic history of the past ages, but to-day throbbing with the new life of the Nation," added much to its pleasure. More than two thousand five hundred years ago Nanking was the capital, and has been many times since, during the changing years of the Nation's history.

Of the beautiful Gold Purple Mountains, which are located to the East of the city, someone has said: "I think Purple Mountain is the most interesting place in the whole of Nanking for the following reasons.

"It gives one good exercise climbing to the highest peak with the cairn on it; one gets a most perfect view from the summit; it is intensely quiet, full of the scent of pine trees, sunny and fresh; it is alive with all kinds of unexpected things from small deer, snakes, even down to a diminutive spotted creature that looks like a small edition of a leopard. At night time, if one should happen to be on it after dark, the scintillating lights of Nanking vie with the stars. Below, where Nanking lies, there is a dusky carpet set with little points of twinkling yellow lights: above there is a velvety dark carpet set with points of fire. If the moon should be full, then the Yangtse River looks like a silver ribbon. The buildings and the places of interest in Nanking seldom change, whereas Purple Mountain changes with every light and shade, and in winter when the snow falls she is a sea of sparkling white. For the above reasons she is, to my way of thinking, not only Nanking's chief beacon, but of pre-eminent beauty and interest."

Five miles to the North the great Yangtse River rushes on her way to the ocean two hundred miles away, bearing on her mighty waters ships and steamers bound for many ports. The city is surrounded by the longest city wall in the world, being twenty-five miles in circumference. It is kept in good repair, with all gates carefully guarded. Every part of the city is rich in interesting things of its past history. In imagination, one can live again the scenes enacted in the city's past: Battles and Conquests, Courts and Emperors, Music and Poets, Paintings and Beautiful Ladies, just as they lived in the past centuries, but *we* (the members of the Nurses' Association of China) are more interested in the city of to-day.

Three railways and a dozen highways unload and carry away passengers to all parts of the country. Airplane, cable, radio and telegraph service connect the most distant areas with the Capital. Here we find the past and the present equally represented. The Ming Tombs and the Beautiful Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and new well-equipped office buildings of the Ministries, where the "New Life Movement" is being put into practice.

THE PASSING BELL.

CHAPPLE.—On October 19th, 1936, in London, W. A. Chapple, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Major, R.A.M.C. (retired), sometime M.P. for Stirlingshire and Dumfriesshire, aged 72. Dearly beloved and deeply mourned.

The above announcement will recall to the minds of nurses the service rendered by Dr. Chapple in the promotion of their registration by the State when in 1914 he took charge of their Bill in the House of Commons, and on March 3rd moved under the ten minutes' rule, "That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate the qualifications of trained nurses and to provide for their registration."

So virulent was the opposition to the Nurses' plea for Registration by the State, that though the first reading of a Bill is, as a rule, purely formal a division was demanded by Mr. Handel Booth. The result was a decisive victory for Dr. Chapple and the cause of State Registration. When the result was announced, it was found there had voted for leave to bring in the Bill, 311. Against, 82.

The Bill remained in Dr. Chapple's charge until 1918, and State Registered Nurses will desire to put on record their sense of indebtedness to him for this service.

Sister Emma Durham, R.R.C.

We regret to record the death on October 31st, at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, of Sister Emma Durham, at the age of 89. She entered that hospital, then located in Lincoln's Inn Fields, for training in 1875, when it was nursed by the St. John's House Sisterhood, and had an interesting subsequent career. She was an early member of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, and helped to establish the first native hospital in Zanzibar. She also nursed through the Zulu War, receiving the Royal Red Cross for her services in this connection. As a private nurse she had the honour of nursing Alfred, Lord Tennyson, through a serious illness, and it was to please her that the poet wrote "Crossing the Bar."

Sister Miss A. M. Kirby.

We regret to announce the death of Sister Miss A. M. Kirby, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, at the British Military Hospital, Bangalore, on September 29th, after a very short illness.

Trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, Miss Kirby was appointed Staff Nurse in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in August, 1931, and promoted to Sister in August, 1934. She embarked for a tour of service in India on October 10th, 1932, and her untimely death is deeply regretted by her many friends and colleagues.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES

Dorothy Viscountess St. Cyres left the following legacies to nurses:—

£800 to Sister Katherine Sinclair; £500 to Sister C. M. Probert, and £500 to Sister Dorothy L. Cooper; £200 to "my nurse," Mary Williams, and £200 to Sister Marion Prail, "who has frequently nursed me, for all her kindness." £500 and a cottage at Walhampton to Alfred E. Wood, her late husband's male nurse, for life.

Mr. George Arthur Wellesley Blacker, of West Southbourne, Bournemouth, left £1,000 to Nurse Franch (Mrs. F. J. Marks, of Christchurch Road, Boscombe), "for her kind act performed on December 24th, 1928."

Mr. John Telford, of Dorking, and of the London University, Methodist minister, left £100 to Nurse Alice Ellen Waite.

Mr. Harry Garton Sargent, of Ennerdale Road, Kew Gardens, left £100 for each year of service to his nurse, Mrs. B. Y. O'Brien, together with any six pictures painted by himself.

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