

Education. This money is to be expended on *teaching equipment*. We never dreamed it would be paid in war time! So you see China, even in this time of sore distress, is showing the way to financial support of nursing schools by the State, as I hope with all my heart England will, too, before long.

All our 140 nurses have had at least three years of high school. This is the minimum educational requirement, and many of them have four or five years. They also pay 100 dollars each as tuition fee. There are not many schools of nursing in China now, except in the smaller centres, where student nurses receive salary or even pocket money. I attribute the rapid advance of the nursing profession in China to this high educational and professional level which has been the standard set by the founders from the very beginning.

In China students of all kinds are required to wear the badge of their school, and so students as well as graduates wear our school of nursing badge. It has frequently been of great service to them in these unsettled and distressing times. Our hospital is full of wounded troops, air raid victims and sick refugees. The two latter classes of patients are particularly pitiful, and there are many sad stories among them. In spite of everything, however, they show a readiness for sacrifice and a lack of bitterness towards their enemies which is a lesson to all of us.

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THE NURSING SERVICE IN A RAILWAY HOSPITAL

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The advance of time is rapid in progress: it never stops going onward to its highest and most complete limit. In the present time we nurses ought to have a very rich and good preparation for our work and to give a surprising and big contribution to our people and our society and our country in the future.

I am writing this report with two main purposes in mind. The first is to let you know of the importance of our vocation, and that our hope is endless and our future is bright. Secondly I wish to inform you of some matters of our hospital and give you a good and deep understanding of our inner condition through the 'Publication for nurses'. In this way then you can get some material to help you in your study of the work of nurses and I am certain that you will be glad to take a few minutes to read it over.

We have three divisions, hospital, dispensary, and public sanitation. Our hospitals are three in number, one is in Chinkiang, one in Shanghai, and the other in Hangchow. The hospital in Hangchow is the best. It is bigger and finer than the other two. It has in-patients, out-patients and common sick people. There are fifty beds in our hospital, where the rooms are divided into three classes, first, second and third. We also have X-rays and a light-curing laboratory.

The chief members of our hospital are doctors and nurses. We nurses are nine in all, one of these is the head, that is, she is in charge of all the nurses and labourers: one nurse is for the public sanitation along the N.S.H.N. line, and the other seven work in different departments, of the hospital. Our hospital is a little different from others, because it is

especially established for all the members of the Railway and their families, but outsiders may come for healing under special circumstances.

We work eight hours each day with five holidays (one whole day and two half days within a week) within one month, we can ask leave for two weeks for our own private affairs and three months if we are sick. A sick nurse will receive her salary in full in the first month, and half of her salary in the second month, but in the third month her salary will cease. The nurses who are on duty in day time work from seven in the morning to seven in the evening, but they have four hours of rest in turn during the twelve hours. Two others are for night work. One of whom works from seven to eleven and the other from eleven to seven the next morning.

Every worker in the hospital has formerly received a deposit outside of his salary, but this custom will be given up in May owing to financial difficulty.

The salary of nurses who have just graduated is forty dollars at the start but afterwards it is raised in case they work hard and diligently at the rate of five dollars increase at one time. Their salary is doubled at the end of every year, and every nurse with her family can have five passes for use on board the trains along the N. S. H. line.

Patients are classified here according to their salary; those whose salary is over fifty dollars are given care free of charge in the second class, and those whose salary is over two hundred will be put in the first class without any charge. If a member of their family comes to be healed, they will be allowed to have a big discount.

We have a dispensary at every big station, in which there is one doctor and one or two nurses. There are no beds for patients, but we send them to the hospital if necessary.

Public sanitation is divided into three departments. First there is School sanitation. A school is opened for workers' children at each big station, and physical examinations often take place in the schools. Also speeches on sanitation are delivered by a nurse for public sanitation every week. Next there is Factory sanitation. We pay much attention to the buildings themselves and to their equipment. Also we give the workers a little common knowledge of individual sanitation. The last one is Women's and Children's sanitation. In this phase of the work we try by every means to make them healthy and happy.

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