

have men. You will hardly find 5 per cent. legally married people among them. Their life is most pitiful and deplorable.

Mills and factories have ruined our women and made our men worse. It is our duty to teach women self-control and self-respect. My earnest request to you today is to be faithful daughters to your country. If men were to control their animal passions our women would be quite chaste. But where they cannot, let us teach them to do so. Let us help to save our poor countrywomen. Educate and uplift them wherever you are, so that they may be quite independent of men, hate evil, and live a respectful life.

Take courage, fight bravely and remove vice. Never be afraid of losing your job or displeasing your friends and relatives. Stand for the right and truth and God will help and reward you. Let our endeavours be from this year onward to wipe off all the evils from our country.

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NOTES ON LEPROSY TRAINING

BY MISS ROUND

All Saint's Dispensary Panvel

My desire came when two or three of these diseased people came along and I did not know what to do with them. I had a friend at the Leper Hospital and Home at Dichpali, Hyderabad, H. E. H. Nizam's Dominions. This belongs to the Methodist Mission and they are doing a marvellous work. I wrote to my friend and a plan was fixed up. It was to be during my holiday, so I was only allowed to work part of the day.

First I was taken round the wards. There were very few patients in bed as it is far better for them to be out in the fresh air, and, when able, to be working, both from a physical as well as a moral point of view.

We then went to the medical hall. Here the doctor examines all the patients and orders required dose of Ol. of Esthers. This is given by hypodermic injection, either intramuscularly or interdermally. On the third day I was taught to give the injections.

Then I was taken by Dr. Mrs. Kerr to see the new patients. All the tests for distinguishing between Psoriasis, Ringworm, Lichen and other skin diseases were carefully explained then. I had lectures and notes to write out, books to read, questions to answer and later I was given 8 patients waiting for examination and told to admit the lepers who were in the 1st and 2nd stages of the disease, advise the advanced cases and tell the others where to go for skin treatment as they were not lepers. In this ordeal I made one mistake, purposing to send off one who was in the early stages. The doctor was very pleased; she then gave me more instructions on what symptoms to look for.

The dosage of the injections varies according to the age, condition, height and weight of the patient. Medicines and ointments that would be useful were all carefully taught to me. I was expected to read for at least 1 hour daily.

The indications for the giving of intravenous Potassium Antimony Tartrate injections were next carefully explained to me, e.g., a big reaction and on the 2nd day I was allowed to give the injections.

The necessity for being in good health oneself when treating lepers and the absolute need for the complete destruction of dressing, etc., and the entire eliminations of flies from the neighbourhood of the patients were all emphatically stressed.

At the end of three weeks I was given a paper and was told all the questions should be answered. Then an oral examination. I also had to describe the equipment of a Clinical Dispensary. Dr. Mrs. Kerr was most kind and helpful. I am sorry to say that she has since died. Dr. Christian gave me a lot of time and I shall always be grateful to the Mission for their extreme kindness in allowing me to be there and see all the workings. It is a wonderful place.

(To be continued)

STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION SECTION

Reports and Articles for this Section will be welcomed by the Hon. Organising Secretary, Miss J. ROBSON, S.R.N., D.N., Rainy Hospital, Royapuram, Madras.

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DEAR STUDENT NURSES,

A Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that 1936 will mean a great deal for our Association and greater success in our work than ever before.

I am sorry you were not all at Nagpur to see for yourselves what student nurses can do!

Next month we hope to publish an account of the student nurses' meetings along with the Exhibition prize list.

We felt at Conference that there was a live spirit of real enthusiasm amongst the student nurses—many of you have some very precious gifts to use for the Association.

May each one of you during 1936 have much joy in giving of your best for the world of nursing in India.

Yours very sincerely,
J. ROBSON.

Annual Report, Student Nurses' Association, 1934-35

The Student Nurses' Association of 1934-35 again reports a year of progress with a membership of 443 in 15 Units. Three new Units have been formed during the year, in the Bai Motlibai Hospital, Bombay; Lady Reading Hospital, Simla; and in the Lady Dufferin Hospital, Calcutta. One hundred