

is also liable. The first fly fixed his attentions upon some tempting jam, but it had been adulterated with copper, and the fly died of inflammation; the second thus warned against luxuries resolved only to eat bread, but the bread was adulterated with alum, so this fly died of internal cramps; the third fly, in the hope of drowning his grief at the loss of his companions, betook himself to the beer jug, but the beer was adulterated with *cocculus indicus*, so this fly also fell a victim to poison; the fourth fly seeing the fate of his companions decided that life was not worth living, and determined to commit suicide upon a paper labelled "Fly Poison." But the more he eat, the better he throve, for the fly poison, like everything else, was extensively adulterated, and succeeding generations of flies have, therefore, adopted it since as their only safe food. Without going quite so far as these humble insects, it is worth while to remember the fable as illustrative of the hidden dangers which may cause obscure affections of the lymphatic system.

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At the Meeting of the Registration Board, held on Friday last, March 16th, applications to be enrolled on the "Register of Trained Nurses" were accepted from the following Nurses:—

Name.	Trained at
Fanny Caroline Bell.	Cert. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and Royal Infirmary, Newcastle.
Emma Curtis.	Cert. St. George's Hospital.
Annette Dawling.	General Infirmary, Bristol.
Maggie Evans.	Cert. Central London Sick Asylum.
Alice Hawes.	Cert. Chelsea Infirmary.
Amanda Jones.	Cert. Royal Free Hospital.
Lucy Cicely Nicholls.	Cert. St. George's Hospital.
Annie Gordon Price (Matron, Warneford Hospital, Leamington).	Cert. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and Warneford Hospital, Leamington.
Alice Mary Raynes.	Cert. St. George's Hospital.
Martha Elizabeth Reader.	Cert. St. George's Hospital.
Emma Tucker.	Royal Infirmary, Manchester.
Annie Jane Watson.	Cert. St. George's Hospital.
Martha Webb.	St. Thomas' Hospital.
Emma Grace Wills.	Cert. London Hospital.

The Secretary begs to announce that the Offices at 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, will be closed for the Easter Holidays from Thursday, March, 22nd, at 4 p.m., to Tuesday morning March 27th.

DAISY ROBINS,
Secretary and Registrar.

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* * * All communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.



HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN has graciously accepted a copy of "A Manual of Obstetric Nursing," by Miss MARIAN HUMFREY, M.R.B.N.A., which is a most exhaustive work on the subject.

THE book is dedicated to Her Royal Highness Princess MARY of TECK, thus:—

Madam,—This work is written with a two-fold object:—To raise the position of this portion of the Nursing Art, and to awaken in the minds of my country women of all ranks in life a sense of its extreme importance to mothers themselves.

The gracious favour your Royal Highness has extended to my efforts to carry out both these important ends, by accepting the Dedication of my work, is most gratefully appreciated by,

Your Royal Highness'
Obliged and humble Servant,
THE AUTHORESS.

WE hope to review fully this excellent Manual in an early issue, but will here quote the Preface:—

"The subject of this work is Child-bed Nursing, for too long the most neglected and despised, the least understood, the most imperfectly taught, of any portion of Nursing work.

It must have often occurred to women teachers of Obstetric Nursing, that although we have many valuable handbooks on the subject, they do not altogether meet our requirements. To be of any real practical use to teachers pupils and Nurses alike, a manual should explain everything and assume nothing. Now, this is just where our text-books are apt to fail us—they assume too much and explain too little. Hitherto, they have been written by men, and, as a woman, I confess some of their sparse explanations require a good deal of 'explaining,' notably in the infantile portion of our duty.

It may be said that Nurses learn the technical part of their work in Lying-in Hospitals, which is perfectly true; it is also true that, from the necessarily brief period of their special instruction, they are apt to forget a good deal of it, and, though the forgotten detail may be unimportant in itself, the sum of these 'forgettings' is serious, and deteriorates their value as Obstetric Nurses. Hence they may find a handy book of reference of use to them in their work.

There is one aspect of our portion of Nursing we must not overlook, for it appertains to no other—Birth, involving the care of the new and tender little life, hence its supreme interest to their patients themselves; and I am not without hope that there may be found in these unpretending papers information that may prove, on many matters, of use and comfort to them, often, when most required, not readily obtainable."

A PRELIMINARY meeting was held, last week, at 19, Euston Square, N.W., to consider the advisability of organising a Women's Volunteer Medical

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