

The stomach requires time to recover itself, and to get rid of the thick ropy mucus which it has secreted, before it can perform its ordinary digestive functions, and any attempt to force its action only results in the production of obstinate vomiting, sometimes to such an extent as to endanger the patient's very life. In the after-treatment of an abdominal section, when it is of course all important to keep the abdominal wound at perfect rest until it has firmly united, it is even more essential than in other cases to prevent, as far as possible, the continuance, or even the occurrence, of vomiting. It should be remembered, therefore, not only that no solid food should be given before the operation, but also—as we shall see in our next lecture—that total abstinence from nourishment for many hours afterwards is absolutely essential to the successful progress of the case.

There is still another and very important matter in which the Gynæcological Nurse can do much for her patients. They are, as a rule, not only weakened, but extremely depressed in their nervous system, and almost invariably have the greatest dread of the coming operation. The Nurse can do very much to benefit them, and, therefore, to improve their chances of recovery, by cheering them up; by telling them, for example, that, now-a-days, the great majority of these operations are extremely successful; that in the hands of skilled operators the mortality is something less than five per cent.; and that recovery from the operation almost invariably means a fresh lease of life, with not only freedom from the previous pain and intolerable discomfort, but renewed health and strength. The manner in which the patient faces the operation has very much to do with the rapidity with which she will recover; and this, true as it is of many illnesses and of other operations, is especially true of those which are required for ovarian or uterine disease.

The next matter, in preparing for an abdominal operation, which the Nurse will be called upon to supervise, is the bedroom. Remembering always the principle that the first essential in these operations is prevention, rather than cure—the attainment of absolute asepticism, or freedom from the presence of any germ-life—the Nurse will understand that, in the first place, the less furniture there is in the selected room the better, as it will be so much the easier, not only to make the apartment clean, but also to keep it so. If possible, a carpet should be dispensed with, and the ideal bedroom would have only rugs which can be easily shaken and cleaned, on a polished floor which could not only be easily washed and cleansed, but the interstices in which would have been carefully stopped so as to prevent the harbouring of dirt.

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A MEETING of the Registration Board took place at the Offices, on Friday, November 23rd, at 5 p.m., at which Her Royal Highness the President took the chair. Upwards of sixty applications for registration were considered, and the following fifty-six Nurses were accepted, and their names duly enrolled in the register:—

Name.	Trained at
Janet Adams ...	... Bristol Royal Infirmary.
Elizabeth Allwork ...	... Chelsea Infirmary.
Isabella Baillie ...	... Royal S. Hants Infirmary (cert.).
Laura Baker ...	... University College Hospital.
Lily R. Baker ...	... Royal Free Hospital (cert.).
Mabel Barling ...	... General Hospital, Birmingham.
(Charge Nurse Royal National Hospital, Ventnor.)	
Emily de Bartolomé ...	... Leicester Infirmary (cert.).
(Ward Sister)	
Mildred Bassett ...	... St. Bartholomew's Hospital (cert.).
A. M. Bindloss ...	... (Sister) St. Mary's Hospital (cert.).
Rosamund Bruce ...	... (Sister) St. Bart.'s Hospital (cert.).
Alureda Burges ...	... St. Thomas's Hospital.
(Matron Royal Orthopædic Hospital, Birmingham.)	
E. Amy Chapman ...	... Middlesex Hospital (cert.).
(Sister Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton.)	
Christiana Charles ...	... (Sister) St. George's Hospital (cert.).
Beatrice Colborn ...	... Children's Hosp., Glasgow, (cert.), and Ratcliffe Infirmary.
(Matron Children's Hosp. Belfast.)	
Caroline Cox ...	... (Sister) St. George's Hospital (cert.).
Beatrice Cruickshank ...	... University College Hospital.
Martha A. Dean ...	... Nottingham Hospital.
(Matron The Hospital, Ilkeston.)	
Hope Dibben ...	... General Hosp., Nottingham (cert.).
Charlotte B. Edmonds ..	... St. John's House (cert.).
Annie Ellis ...	... Royal Hospital, Portsmouth.
(Charge Nurse South Eastern Hospital.)	
I. M. Entwisle ...	... St. Bart.'s & St. Thomas's Hospls.
Louisa Foster ...	... Middlesex Hospital.
Fanny M. Gainham ...	... The Hosp., Altrincham (cert.).
Mary S. Gardner ...	... St. George's Hospital (cert.).
E. Tamar Goodfellow ...	... East London Hospital and Adden- brooke's (cert.).
Mary Hand ...	... General Hospital, Birmingham.
Margaret Henderson ...	... Atkinson Morley Hospital (cert.).
Sophia Hollis ...	... St. George's Hospital (cert.).
Beatrice Jordan ...	... (Charge Nurse) General Hospital, Birmingham.
Ellen Kimbrey ...	... The Hospital, Altrincham (cert.).
Alison Kinchela ...	... County Dublin Infirmary (cert.).
(Matron Kilkenny Infirmary.)	
Alison F. Lawson ...	... County Hospital, Lincoln.
Alice Lloyd ...	... General Hospital, Nottingham.
C. M. McKenzie ...	... Glasgow Royal Infirmary (cert.).
Caroline Milne ...	... St. Bartholomew's Hospital (cert.).
(Matron W. Pennsylvania Hosp., Pittsburg, U.S.A.)	
Florence H. Monkhouse ...	... St. George's Hospital (cert.).
Harriette Price ...	... St. George's Hospital (cert.).
Alice M. Rackham ...	... Guy's Hospital (cert.), County Hospital, Lincoln.
Ellen Burr Rackham ...	... Lincoln County Hospital.
Jessie Rae ...	... Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.
Edith J. M. Rawlins ...	... Chelsea Infirmary (cert.).

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