

*November 13th.*—Improvement of patient under strychnia. Pulse regular and of good volume. Patient played with toys during the day.

*November 14th.*—A virulent blotchy rash beginning to develop, finally spreading over the whole body, attributed by the house surgeon to the action of the antitoxin. Temperature normal; pulse 118; respiration 24.

*November 17th.*—The rash rapidly dying away; the patient seeming quite comfortable without his tube, although the wound has to be dilated if there is any return of dyspnoea. The patient enjoys food. Pulse is getting stronger and strychnia is no longer administered.

*November 20th.*—The patient appears to be on the high road to recovery, although the ultimate result is still rather uncertain.

### Royal British Nurses' Association. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)



WE would draw the attention of members to the fact that the Great Northern, London and North-Western, and Midland Railway Companies have kindly consented to issue return tickets for single fares to all members travelling to London for the Annual Conversazione from stations on these lines; these tickets will be available from December 7th

to the 10th, inclusive. It will be necessary for members who desire to avail themselves of this privilege to present their tickets of admission to the Conversazione at the respective booking offices when taking their tickets to London. We should advise our readers travelling on the following lines—the Great Western Railway, London and South-Western, and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies—to inquire if the same concession can be granted.

We are glad to hear that so many of the old members, whose devotion to its cause built up our Association in the past, have expressed their intention of being present. Our advice during the late crisis, not to forsake the Association by resignation, but to remain shoulder to shoulder and support its great principles, has been proved to be the truest and therefore the best policy.

### Appointments.

MISS COLES, late Lady Probationer, has succeeded Miss Conway as Sister of the Whitbread Ward at Middlesex Hospital.

Miss Winwood, also a late Lady Probationer, has been made Sister of "Princess May Wards" at Middlesex Hospital, in succession to Miss Callender, who has been transferred to be sister of "Founder Ward."

Miss C. Francis Hill has been appointed Sister in the Indian Army Service. She has had a long and varied experience of Nursing. Miss Hill was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, was Sister for three years at the Leicester Infirmary, has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Metropolitan Hospital, and has acted for three years as Sister of the St. Barnabas Ward at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

### The Council of County Nursing Associations.

A MOST influential meeting was lately held at 6, Bedford Square, Bloomsbury, W.C., to discuss the formation of a Council of County Nursing Associations. The Earl of Winchilsea presided, and the following ladies were amongst those present:—Countess of Selborne (Hampshire); Hon. Mrs. Egerton, Miss Curteis, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Harbord (Sussex); Mrs. Seymour (Nottinghamshire); Hon. Mrs. Carpenter, (Yorkshire, N. Riding); Countess of Winchilsea (Lincolnshire); Lady Baker (Dorsetshire); Miss Arkwright, Miss Jessop (Derbyshire); Lady Rayleigh, Miss Chancellor, Dr. Thresh (Essex); Sister Katherine, Training Home, Plaistow.

The Chairman explained to the meeting the reasons which made it desirable that associations which are organising Rural Nursing on a county basis should agree on some common principle, especially as to:—

- (1) Standard of training.
- (2) Professional inspection of Nurses.

(3) The wisest method of approaching County Councils with a view to grants from Technical Education Funds for Nursing Scholarships.

He then addressed to the various ladies present a series of questions, the answers to which it was proposed to print for reference.

After some discussion, the following conclusions were arrived at:—

(1) That in order to bring the grants made by County Councils into line with the Technical Education Act, it is necessary "That it be clearly stated that the object of the scholarships is to impart to candidates a knowledge of the principles or elements of Nursing."

(2) That no Nurse employed by a County Association shall receive less than six months' training.

(3) That it is essential to provide for the periodic professional inspection of County Nurses.

(4) That it is desirable to establish, and that there be hereby established, a Council of County Nursing Associations, under the following preliminary regulations, the Council to have the power to alter and amend the same:—(1) The President of every County Nursing Association which subscribes £1 to the funds of the Council to be an *ex officio* member of the Council. 2. The objects of the council to be (a) To provide a common centre, through which every member of the Council can ascertain the nature and progress of Nursing work in other affiliated counties, obtain their annual reports, and any other information in their power to bestow; (b) To hold meetings from time to time, with a view to the introduction into the system of county Nursing, of such uniformity as may be consistent with the varying requirements of each locality.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Council of County Nursing Associations, NURSING RECORD Offices, 11, Adam Street, Strand, who will also be pleased to receive the annual reports of all district and rural Nursing Associations.

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