

opium. She knew it was a poison, but she did not know what was a fatal dose. There was plenty of light for her to read by, but there was not much difference between the sign for an ounce and that for a drachm—only an extra curl.

A momentary sensation was caused by her saying that she had taken the card to the Matron and asked what the sign meant, and the Matron had said she did not know. Mrs. Homewood was recalled, and could not remember. But when it was pointed out that she had given the nurse a minim measure and not an ounce one the question was taken no further.

Dr. Richard Ackerley medical officer at the hospital, said he prescribed half a drachm of opium. He regarded Nurse Rice as being very careful and conscientious. He was of opinion that death was due to opium poison.

Dr. Hovenden, of Surbiton, said he made a post-mortem examination by order of the coroner, and found that death was accelerated by the overdose of opium. The deceased was undoubtedly in a critical condition from typhoid fever.

The jury returned a verdict of death from an overdose of opium, and expressed their opinion that much greater care should be exercised in dispensing poisonous drugs.

The Coroner: I quite agree with you.

Soudan Honours.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions and appointments:—

To be ordinary members of the Military Division of the Third Order of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath—

Surgeon-General W. Taylor, M.P., Army Medical Staff; Colonel W. H. McNamara, M.D., Royal Army Medical Corps; Lieutenant-Colonel L. A. Hope, Army Service Corps.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. Hughes, M.B., Major E. M. Wilson, C.M.G., Major H. B. Mathias, and Captain C. S. Spong. Members of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Col. T. J. Gallwey, M.D., C.B., Principal Medical Officer, Egyptian Army, to be Colonel.
Major G. W. Robinson, to be Lieut.-Col.
Capt. R. H. Benton, D.S.O., employed with Egyptian Army, to be Major.
Capt. H. E. H. Smith, employed with Egyptian Army, to be Major.
Lieut. E. W. Bliss to be Captain.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Sarah Emily Webb, Army Nursing Service.
Miss Amy Florence Grist, " " "
Miss Elizabeth Geddes, National Society for Aid to Sick and Wounded in War.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE German Emperor has bestowed the Gold Medal of the Red Cross on the Empress Frederick and the German Empress, and other Royal ladies, many of whom have taken an active part in hospital organization and the nursing of sick soldiers during recent wars, and have set a splendid example in such humane work to the women of Germany.

THE excellent papers which were read before the Nursing Conference of the Matrons' Council in London last June are being reprinted in the *American Trained Nurse*. The papers by Miss Mollett and Miss Poole have already appeared, and in this month's issue "Home Hospitals," by Miss Eleanor Pell-Smith, is printed.

BRIGHTON is the resort of untold wealth, and yet, money which is spent so lavishly in self-indulgence and luxury, seems uncommonly hard to extract for charitable purposes, and the good works of the few philanthropists in the town stand out in bold relief.

A LARGE gathering took place last week in support of the Brighton, Hove, and Preston Association for Nursing the Sick Poor, and the accounts showed a slight deficit.

THIS deficit was a subject of comment throughout the meeting. The Bishop of Chichester, who moved the acceptance of the report and balance-sheet, referred to it in his few introductory remarks. The fewness of these remarks he excused by explaining it was not for lack of interest, since he had come over expressly to be present at that meeting, but it was because he knew that those who would afterwards speak were better qualified to deal with the subject of the Association and its work. After saying that he thought the work already done by the Association would show the absolute need not only of supporting it, but of greatly enlarging its scope, he referred to the deficit. He was not sure that it was not rather a good thing, for he thought it would show the good people of Brighton the necessity of supporting the institution. What was wanted was not "spasmodic charity," but a regular subscription

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