

of a rather rare disease chiefly occurring in boys, and beginning, as a rule, in the second or third year of life. The child which has been able to walk becomes quickly tired and walks clumsily, while the muscles of the calves appear enlarged and would suggest an extra amount of strength; the weakness increases till the child is not able to rise from the floor in the ordinary way, but "climbs up his thighs" in a characteristic way, this is owing to weakness of the muscles of the calves, the front of the thigh and buttocks, all of which parts are weak and enlarged, the weakness increases, and extends to the trunk and shoulder muscles, but this progress is very slow, lasting many years.

This disease, though rare, is mentioned because, as far as is known, the treatment which is of the greatest benefit in checking the progress of the muscular weakness is friction of the limbs, and passive movements of the limbs, and also encouraging the child to exercise the affected muscles; all of which treatment has to be left to the nurse. The friction should be done for a quarter of an hour twice daily, the hand being anointed with Neat's Foot Oil. The nurse should invent some simple game in which movements of the calf muscles take a prominent part; skipping is such a one as this.

The passive movements are made with the object of preventing a fixation of the limb in some faulty position, by the shortening of the weakened muscles, which is very apt to produce some form of clubfoot if not prevented by anticipation.

(To be continued.)

Appointments.

MATRON.

Miss Margaret A. Smith has been appointed Matron of the Forfar Infirmary. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and has held the position of Staff-Nurse at Chalmer's Hospital, Banff.

Miss Brewster has been appointed Matron of the West Cornwall Miners' and Women's Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and Matron at the Borough Infectious Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne. There were 114 candidates for the post, and the Chairman remarked at the special meeting, called to make the appointment, that out of these quite eighty seemed fully eligible.

Trained Nurses' Day.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

Saturday, the 21st of September, 1901, will be long remembered by Nurses from England and all over the States as a bright day in their calendar. The farewell meeting of the great Congress was held in the beautiful Temple of Music, in the Exposition grounds, and was a fitting conclusion to the enthusiastic international gatherings in the City of Buffalo, as it gave the public an opportunity to listen to three stirring addresses on the pressing needs of trained nurses, from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who pleaded for the higher education of nurses; from Miss Louisa Stevenson, of Edinburgh, who supported Mrs. Fenwick's plea; and to an able address, a Retrospect and a Forecast on Nursing from Miss C. J. Wood.

The Temple of Music was filled to its utmost capacity and the expectant public was not disappointed in the addresses. A section of the United States Army Nursing Corps was in attendance, and the following trained nurses in the uniform of their respective hospitals acted as ushers: Miss Ellen Mullett and Miss Flora Culver of the Erie County Hospital; Miss M. D. Barnes and Miss Margaret Morris of St. Luke's, New York; Miss Mary E. Shannon of Cincinnati General Hospital; Miss Catherine Simmons of Roosevelt Hospital, New York; Miss Rose Baron of Long Island College Hospital; Miss Agnes Hederman and Miss Sara Dewitt of Buffalo Woman's Hospital, and Miss Jardine and Mrs. McMahon of the Buffalo General Hospital.

Miss Isabel McIsaac, of Chicago, Ill., president of the International Congress of Nurses, presided at the meeting. Among those seated upon the platform were Mayor Diehl and Mrs. Diehl, Mrs. John Miller Horton, chairman of the committee on Entertainments and Ceremonies of the Board of Women Managers of the Exposition; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, president of the International Council of Nurses, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Cartwright, Miss Amy Hughes, and Miss C. J. Wood, Miss McGahey and Miss Bloomfield of Australia, Miss Louisa Stevenson, of Edinburgh; Miss McLeod, superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada; Miss E. J. Keating, Erie County Hospital; Miss Damer of Buffalo; Mrs. Hunter Robb of Cleveland; Miss Davis of Boston Hospital for the Insane; Miss Richards of Taunton Hospital for the Insane; Miss Arkle, Indian Army Service; Mrs. Kinney, Superintendent of Army Nurse Corps of the United States; Miss Nevins of Washington; Miss Drown of Boston, and several other women prominent in the profession.

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