

In looking over the awards graciously bestowed by the King to Army Nurses, "For zeal and devotion in providing for and nursing the sick and wounded" in South Africa, St. Bartholomew's stands a long way first, no less than six nursing sisters trained in its school having been awarded the Royal Red Cross. Of the pupils of other schools no more than two have been thus honoured. Under these circumstances surely the exclusion of St. Bartholomew's is unjustifiable.

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Comments and Replies.

Frugal Housewife. Many of our correspondents have complained of a similar difficulty. You can obtain Sapon from the Army and Navy Stores, Victoria Street, the Civil Service Stores, Haymarket, Harrod's Stores, Brompton Road, and from Mr. J. Mortimer, 7, Marylebone Lane, W. Its great advantage is that it can be used with either hot or cold water, that its dirt removing qualities are little short of magical, and that for cleansing any greasy material or article it is unequalled, indeed it is claimed for it that it "will cleanse anything and everything, from a blanket to a butcher's block, from a silk blouse to a greasy platter, from a lady's tresses to an ink stained table-cloth, from a collier's coat to a bird's feathers."

Miss Bird, Warwick.—The best book on the subject for nurses which we know is the "Materia Medica for Nurses," by Miss L. L. Dock, published by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, of which the published price is 6s. It is a most practical and useful book. With regard to your other question, we should advise you to communicate with Miss E. L. B. Forster, 20, Mount Ararat Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Superintendent.—We are of opinion that an incubator should always form part of the furniture of a Maternity Home, as for very premature children it is generally believed that the best chance they have of life is to be nursed in incubators for a time. Personally, we have not seen any very good results from its use. In nursing an "incubator baby" the utmost care is necessary. Its life, as a rule, hangs on a thread, and the chief points are to keep it warm and clean. The temperature of the incubator must be maintained at an even heat, and the ventilation carefully regulated. In this connection it is well to avoid raising the lid of the incubator oftener than is absolutely necessary, as some change in the temperature is bound to take place, and more harm than good may be done if the utmost care is not taken. The infant should not be dressed, but should be wrapped in cotton wool, each limb being separately swathed. A point not always remembered in regard to premature infants is that their stomachs being more undeveloped than those of normal infants their food must be more diluted, and should also be peptonized. Medical instructions should of course be asked for, but often the feeding of an infant is left to the discretion of a nurse in whom the medical attendant has confidence.

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