

hours as good can be accomplished in the same number of weeks.

Again, let us look at plaster jackets in the treatment of Pott's disease. Every part of the plaster jacket must be absolutely firm to perform the work desired of it. If the jacket becomes cracked in any part whatever, its efficiency is destroyed. We must teach the parents, therefore, the necessity of controlling their children so that our casts may remain intact. The leaning from windows, the riding on the back of ice-wagons, and baptism by the Baptist method is somewhat injurious to them.

#### MASSAGE.

As has been said before, so many of the cases are the result of various forms of paralysis. These can be greatly helped if a continued and proper use of massage is given. Owing to the very helpless state of these cases, it is almost a physical impossibility for the parents, both on account of the work to be done at home and the weight of the child, to bring them to and from the clinic day by day, and it is our experience that after some two or three times, many of them cease their visits entirely. Here is a great opportunity for a nurse, visiting these cases in their homes. Massage can be given at stated periods and the frail limbs can be seen to develop under her own care.

Owing to the crowded condition of our hospital and the demand upon us for every bed, we are allowing many cases among the children to return to their home at a much earlier period than it has been our custom to do. These cases are seen by our nurse at their home, and instructions given the family as to their proper care. By this means our hospital service is much more active, and we are able to do a greater amount of good to a greater number of people.

Such are some of the lines along which we have been working during the past year, with the exception of the summer months. What, then, have been the results? First, there has been a material improvement in the manner in which our braces and casts have been kept; this has resulted in a marked improvement in the condition of the patients. Second, we have been able to make such early diagnosis, that immediate treatment resulted in a comparatively quick and permanent cure; whereas these cases would have formerly been under treatment for a much longer time and finally given to us only a partial recovery. Third, there has been exhibited an unusual desire on the part of the patients to help us in our work, for we have got into much closer contact with them.

—*Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumni Magazine.*

It was announced by the Earl of Derby, at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, held at 20, Hanover Square, London, W., that the next International Tuberculosis Congress is to be held in Paris in October.

### Irish Nurses' Association.

The rooms of the above Association were filled to their utmost capacity on Friday, March 17th, when the members foregathered to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Miss Huxley, the President, addressed the members, giving an epitome of the work accomplished during the year, enumerating the important events, submitting the balance sheet, and congratulated the members on the active part the Association had taken in matters concerning nurses and their welfare.

Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., the Vice-President, was unable to accept the office of President owing to the pressure of work; by a large majority Miss Hampson was elected President for the ensuing year, and Miss Kelly was elected Vice-President. A vote of thanks to the retiring President was moved by Miss Haughton, seconded by Miss Joy, and carried by acclamation. At the conclusion of the business meeting tea was served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, owing to the successful exertions of the amusement committee.

The retiring President might well congratulate the Association on its work, for since its inception, and under her guidance, it has taken a most active part in nursing matters. It has voiced the almost unanimous desire of Irish nurses for State Registration, and obtained the support of the medical profession in Ireland and of Members of Parliament to the Nurses' Registration Bill. It has entered into affiliation with the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, and with the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. It sent a good contingent to the International Women's Congress and the International Council of Nurses in Berlin, and has taken an active part in opposing the granting of a licence by the Board of Trade to the City Financiers. It has a record of which it may well be proud.

We regret that Miss Huxley's term of office has come to an end, but a better successor to her than Miss Hampson could scarcely be found.

### An English Kreuznach.

Rheumatism and its allied complaints have this year been exceptionally prevalent. Sufferers may, however, take comfort in the fact that it is not necessary to go abroad to secure the treatment at medicinal Spas which is so frequently ordered, for the waters at Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire, where the season begins on April 3rd, have gained a wide repute. It is feared that reports of the epidemic of typhoid fever at Lincoln may this year have an unfavourable effect upon the season at Woodhall Spa.

The water at the Spa, which is excellent, is obtained from the Cawkwall Hills, near Louth, at least twenty miles from Lincoln, so that fears on this score are groundless.

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