

fever should occur, and in practice it does not. It is unknown in savage tribes, where delivery is a natural process, and is rare in civilised women when nothing of any kind is introduced into the genital canal before, during, or after labour, even though the surroundings be of the dirtiest description. Something has to be done to take these streptococci or B. Coli from their natural situation and place them on the wound in the uterus.

It would appear, however, quite easy for organisms of both kinds to reach the perineal tear which results from a first labour, but in practice this never, as I believe, gives rise to puerperal fever in the strict sense, there being at the most only a transitory rise of temperature of no special significance.

International News.

The following Associations have affiliated to form the new National Association of Nurses of Canada: The Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses; Ontario Graduate Nurses' Association; Canadian Nurses' Association, of Montreal; Hamilton Graduate Nurses' Association; Ottawa Graduate Nurses' Association; Manitoba Provincial Nurses' Association; Vancouver Graduate Nurses' Association; Calgary Graduate Nurses' Association; Edmonton Graduate Nurses' Association; Toronto General Hospital Alumnae Association; St. Michael's Hospital Alumnae Association, Toronto; Kingston General Hospital Alumnae Association; Hospital for Sick Children Alumnae Association, Toronto; Alumnae Association, Western Hospital, Toronto; Alumnae Association, Riverdale Hospital, Toronto; General and Marine Hospital Alumnae Association, St. Catherine's, Ontario; Montreal General Hospital Alumnae Association; General and Marine Hospital Alumnae Association, Collingwood, Ontario.

This is a spirited beginning, and will no doubt be augmented by next July, when affiliation with the International Council of Nurses will take place in London.

WELCOME HELP.

We acknowledge, with many thanks, the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss J. A. Smith, Kingston-on-Thames	2	2	0
Miss L. H. Hayes, Omagh	10	6	
Miss Calderwood, R.N.S., London	5	0	
Miss Carpenter, Turner, Winchester	4	0	
Miss Munro, Bedford	3	0	

Progress of State Registration.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Registration Society, called at somewhat short notice, will be held at 431, Oxford Street, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst., to consider important matters in connection with the Nurses' Registration Bill, and to elect a large number of new members, who are naturally anxious to help to prove the demand of trained nurses to have their profession placed under legal control, for the sake not only of their own betterment, but out of regard for the public safety and welfare.

Most kind letters have been received from the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Earl of Crewe, and Lord Ampthill, acknowledging the votes of thanks passed so enthusiastically at the meeting of trained nurses held in London on the 17th inst.

A DUTY AND A PLEASURE.

Lord Ampthill writes to the Hon. Secretary of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses:—

"I write to say how much touched I am by the generous appreciation of my poor services which has been manifested by your Society. You know that it has been a real pleasure to me to co-operate with those who have so steadfastly and courageously worked for the good of the noble profession to which they belong, or in which they are interested. I am glad that the cause in which I am myself deeply interested has made so decided an advance, and I hope that none of our friends will be discouraged by the difficulties which still remain before us. Please accept my best thanks for the kind manner in which you have informed me of the circumstances, in which the resolution was passed, and express my grateful appreciation to those who were concerned, when you have the opportunity.

"I need hardly add that I shall regard it both as a duty and a pleasure to render you any further assistance that may be within my power."

At this critical moment, when so much that thoughtful nurses have hoped and worked for during so many, many years of discouragement, is almost within their grasp, no kinder and happier words of encouragement could have been addressed to them than those contained in Lord Ampthill's letter. Let each member of our profession adopt the high standard put so plainly before her by Lord Amp-

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