

servation of child life and health was all-important, not only to the child, but to the nation.

All such work was very costly, requiring special equipment of all kinds—special training and experience on the part of the doctor and nurse, and the very best equipment for the Clinics, embracing, as they often did, ante-natal and dental departments. It was only by having the very best that the best results were obtained. The doctors were often specialists in women's and children's diseases, and the nurses usually had some qualification in public health, as well as the usual hospital training, and were preferably midwives.

The children dealt with were of the ages of one to five years, when their case papers, and charts of weight and height, were handed on to the School Medical Officer, and were invaluable as a complete record of health. Formerly no special attention was paid to children of this age. It was not considered necessary to fill their teeth, and discharging ears were supposed to be the natural result of bad teeth. Now the tiniest holes were filled, thus preserving the permanent teeth. The teeth of the mother also received attention; at some Centres the rule was that all mothers attending dinners must first have their teeth put in order.

Miss Atherton then dealt in detail with the work of the Ante-Natal Clinics, and said that if they could only get a mother with her first baby, they could probably lay the foundation of a large and healthy family.

Home visiting was an important department of the work. The regular visitor—trained, though possibly a voluntary worker—gained a very intimate knowledge of the family, and watched the growth and progress of the children.

In the discussion which followed, Miss MARQUARDT inquired the qualifications of the Home Visitors, and was told that they often had the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN SURGICAL NURSING.

MISS ISABEL MACDONALD, Secretary to the Corporation, then read an interesting paper prepared by Miss Sinziniex, A.R.R.C., on the above subject. The present day developments of surgical nursing were not, the writer said, merely those of ordinary progress, but were special developments due to conditions arising out of the war. They were wide in the extreme, and it was only possible in a short time to deal with one chiefly, and perhaps to touch on one or two others. She confined herself, therefore, to the one she had had most experience of—the variety of compound fractures met with in these days. The paper dealt with much the same subjects as the one by Miss Sinziniex published in a recent issue of this JOURNAL.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

In connection with the high salaries earned by Sisters in Canada, Miss Jentle Paterson desires to make it plain that uniform is not usually provided, but she thinks they are well able to provide that item from their generous emoluments.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee held on Thursday, November 14th, it was agreed that the following correspondence between the Central Committee and the College of Nursing, Ltd., be published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, as it had already been sent to the press by the Secretary of the College by direction of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, M.P., Chairman of the Council of the College:—

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILLS.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.
6, Vere Street, London, W.,

14th October, 1918.

DEAR MADAM,—At the last Meeting of the Council of the College of Nursing the Chairman informed the Council, on the authority of Major Chapple, that your Committee had received copies of the 7th Draft of the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses, and that it was under their consideration. I was instructed by the Council to write and ask whether your Committee agrees to the introduction of this Bill by Major Chapple as a joint measure.

My Council further instructed me to say that if your Committee feel that any difficulty is caused by Clause 5 (3) they would be willing to delete that Clause if this is the only objection felt by your Committee to the Bill as now presented to them.

As my Council meets next Thursday I shall be grateful if you will let me have an answer before that date.

I enclose two copies of the 7th Draft of the Bill.

I remain, yours faithfully

M. S. RUNDLE,
Secretary.

FROM NURSE HON. SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE
FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES, TO SECRETARY,
COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

19th October, 1918.

DEAR MADAM,—I have received your letters of 14th and 18th October.

The former, as corrected, will be submitted to the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses at its Meeting on October 26th.

Yours faithfully,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Nurse Secretary.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION
OF NURSES.

431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1,

November 1st, 1918.

DEAR MADAM,—The letter of the College of Nursing, Ltd., of the 14th ult. was placed before

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