

AN American paper contains the following:—
“America has a second Florence Nightingale in Miss Delano, who has given the greater part of her life to the care of the sick and suffering. Miss Delano was for many years one of the chief Nurses at Bellevue Hospital, New York, but, for the last two years, she has devoted herself to the care of private patients. Soon after the yellow fever broke out at Jacksonville, she offered her services to Dr. Mitchell, and they were gratefully accepted.”

JEYES' COMPOUNDS VERSUS CARBOLIC ACID.

TO secure a preparation which shall possess all the necessary properties for the destruction of the germs indicating the presence of infection or disease, has necessitated the calling forth of some of the greatest efforts of modern chemists. A complete success in this respect appears to have attended the labours of the Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company, Limited, 43, Cannon Street, E.C., whose manufactures are calculated upon the testimony of the highest Medical and Scientific authorities to perform all that is required of them. One of the chief features of Jeyes' is, that it is non-poisonous and non-corrosive, though at the same time possessing, in an equal, or greater degree, all the qualities which the corrosive and poisonous substances are generally (although we fear in many instances erroneously) credited with. And here we may mention that the cases of poisoning by carbolic acid are alarmingly upon the increase, two having very recently occurred: in the one case, the acid having been self-administered in mistake for a cough mixture; in the other—the particularly painful case at the Belfast Royal Hospital—where a dose of it was given by a Nurse in mistake for a black draught, death ensuing in both. We venture to think that these two cases alone, coupled with the fact of the extraordinary facility with which this acid can be obtained, apart from the utter recklessness and carelessness in the which it appears to have been used and left about, even though in charge of apparently fully competent hands, calls forth a demand that such articles, so deadly and, we would almost say, unnecessary, when judged in comparison with a non-poisonous substance such as Jeyes', should be banished from our Institutions, or at least relegated to the list of poisons scheduled in the Pharmacy Act.

We would point out that Jeyes' fluid will not only answer *all* the purposes for which carbolic acid can be used (indeed, many judges rank its antiseptic effects higher), but it is at the same time abso-

lutely harmless; and had mistakes such as are above quoted occurred with it, the results would not have been more than a temporary inconvenience to the patient. The preparations consist of, besides others, the “Perfect Purifier,” “Sanitary Powder,” Toilet, Household, and Disinfectant Soaps, all of which are well made, excellent in quality, economical in price, and thoroughly efficacious. We are in a position, from perfectly independent and thoroughly practical tests, to fully endorse all that has been said of them, and to strongly recommend them to the notice of our Medical and Nursing readers, who ought to use them and judge for themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

Sir,—In default of better information being offered to your correspondent, “J. O.,” there is an Institute (address, “Superintendent,” 21, Hyde Terrace, Leeds), where suitable persons, ladies and otherwise, are received and sent to a Hospital for an average of one year's training, being afterwards retained in the service of the Institute, salary commencing from initiatory date; but as a more satisfactory mode of training, I advise application to the Matron of one of the London Hospitals, such as Bartholomew's, where salary commences with admission, and at the satisfactory conclusion of her three years' term, “J. O.” can either join the Nursing Institute attached, where besides regular salary, a percentage is given on fees obtained; or she can remain on staff duty until she obtain promotion there or elsewhere. A good Hospital never discharges a good Nurse, and the training given from ordinary Institutes is not sufficient in which to acquire the amount of knowledge essential for efficient Nursing of the sick.—I am, yours faithfully, A. B.

To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

Sir,—In a recent issue of the “Nursing Record,” there is a notice to the effect that a Matron of one of the London Hospitals is making arrangements for instructing suitable Nurses in Matron's duties. I beg to say that, some time since it was decided to choose capable Probationers, after their three years' training in Nursing, to superintend all the kitchen arrangements, the ward-maids, laundry-maids, house-maids, and cook—in all fourteen servants, besides a needle woman who comes in by the day, when required, to mend the linen. We find this a most satisfactory arrangement, and we hope other Hospitals will see their way to give their Nurses similar advantages.—Yours faithfully, M. H.

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