

1. "The equipment is easily procurable and inexpensive and needs no electric power."

2. "It is well suited for emergency treatment of patients before transportation to a treatment centre."

3. "Bag ventilation, when correctly administered, is superior to all other methods of artificial respiration in securing adequate ventilation. It counteracts the development of oedema of the lungs."

4. "The well-inflated cuff tube makes aspiration of secretions from the hypo-pharynx impossible."

5. "The method has great psychological advantages. The patient is not encased in a tank, etc. There is no danger of pressure sores...etc. The beneficial psychological influence of the person assisting the patient is very great; it helps to keep up morale, creating confidence because the patient feels that somebody he knows is always around, ready to help."

**Disadvantages.**—Some of the more important ones are:

1. "Particles of soda-lime may be carried down into the lungs."

2. "When bag ventilation is continued for weeks, there is risk of emphysema."

3. "If not correctly administered, the venous return may be reduced, leading to lowered cardiac output and a state of shock."

4. "The assistance of well-trained personnel all round the clock is essential and costly."

*(To be continued next month.)*

## Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH the Queen Mother has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 206 nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 159 in England, 4 in Wales, 39 in Scotland and 4 in Northern Ireland.

Our colleagues will be very pleased to know that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has graciously consented to be the Patron of the United Nursing Services Club, 34, Cavendish Square, London, W.

As Duchess of York, Her Majesty was for a time President of this Club, but when the Duke of York ascended the throne the Dowager Lady Airliie became the President.

Councillors of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., were pleased to entertain members of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation Council to tea on June 25th, during their attendance at 19, Queen's Gate, London, for their biennial meetings.

These hostesses were very interested to hear of the progress being made in the compilation of the bibliography concerning the life and work of Florence Nightingale, which the Foundation is undertaking for the benefit of students of nursing history.

THE COUNCIL OF THE Royal Sanitary Institute have accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Scarborough to hold the Health Congress there in 1954, from April 27th to 30th inclusive.

The Congress will be attended by delegates from many parts of the world and is expected to attract about 2,500 visitors.

THE ANNUAL RE-UNION of the Grenfell Volunteers took place recently at the Overseas League headquarters.

Dr. Paddon, who addressed those present was paying his first visit from Labrador to England since the War.

His father, the late Dr. H. F. Paddon had served the Grenfell Mission from 1912 until his death in 1939 and was a close friend of Sir Wilfrid Grenfell.

Dr. Paddon told of the great work carried on by the Mission in Labrador, visiting sick people by dog team in winter and boat in summer, enduring many hazards following their path of duty.

Many friends had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Paddon, who, before her marriage, served as a volunteer nurse in Labrador with the Grenfell Mission in the summer of 1949, returning for further service in 1951. She did splendid work in the north, and the mission has gained a valuable and experienced colleague and Dr. Paddon a charming wife.

A busy week lies ahead for Miss M. B. MacKellar, the Matron of Moorfields, Westminster Ophthalmic, and the Central Eye Hospital before she sets out for Brazil.

On July 7th she will be a guest at the Medical Dinner at Oxford; on July 8th she will read a paper on Nursing at Balliol College, and on July 10th she will attend Buckingham Palace for her investiture as an Officer of St. John of Jerusalem.

On July 12th Miss MacKellar will leave by plane for Brazil to attend the International Council of Nurses Congress. Before her return she will continue a tour of America and Canada.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL for District Nursing in London lost an old and loyal friend when Dr. John Scott Lidgett C.H., died on Wednesday, June 17th, in his 98th year.

Dr. Scott Lidgett, known as the "Archbishop" of the Methodist Church in Britain for more than half a century, was elected a member of the Council and of its executive committee at its inaugural meeting in December, 1914. From 1922-1928, he was chairman and in 1948 he became vice-president of the Council and held this position till his death.

Despite his great age, Dr. Scott Lidgett always retained a lively interest in the welfare of district nurses, particularly in the St. Olave's (Bermondsey and Rotherhithe) Association. Members and nurses will mourn the passing of a friend who had given 40 years of devoted service to their cause.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD PERCY of Newcastle, P.C., was elected President of the Royal Sanitary Institute at the Annual General Meeting held on May 19th. Lord Percy, who presided at the recent Health Congress at Hastings, has held several high offices of State including those of Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health, President of the Board of Education and Minister-without-Portfolio.

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