

we shall meet. From some severe form of irritation the brain becomes sufficiently affected to cause first aching and stiffness of the throat and neck muscles, and then of the cheek muscles, which, gradually, increasing becomes, within a few hours, so considerable as to make it almost impossible for the patient to open his mouth, and gives him that fixed smile from the tension of the muscles of the mouth, which the old writers termed the *risus sardonius*, or "devil's grin." This is accompanied or followed by violent convulsions, which affect the whole body and death speedily ensues. There is comparatively little that the Nurse can do for these patients, except to administer, if possible, medicine and nourishment. But it is interesting for you to remember that there are affections, which, although perfectly simple and perfectly harmless, closely simulate this dreaded disease, and in fact sometimes attack Nurses who have been in charge of a case of true lock-jaw. I well remember such a case some years ago, in which a Nurse, whose patient had just died, felt a premonitory stiffness in her throat and cheek, and finally found it almost impossible to open her mouth. She gave herself up for lost, made her final testamentary arrangements, and summoned her friends, and then medical aid. There was no evidence of any local disease, such as we generally find in cases of tetanus; she had no severe bruise or wound on the hands or any part of the body which could have set up irritation of the brain, but she had a large plug of wax in the left ear, which being removed with an injection of warm water, cured her lock-jaw in a very few minutes. Yet another case do I remember, also of a Nurse, who had precisely the same symptoms after nursing an undoubted case of tetanus, and who also was cured; and, as you may imagine, her mind was much relieved by discovering that the disease was caused by a gumboil due to a decayed tooth, and which being freely lanced, speedily removed her complaint.

For any of you who may hereafter go into the Army Nursing service, it is interesting to remember that cases of lock-jaw more frequently occur in the tropics than in England, and are very frequently caused by gun-shot wounds, and almost invariably by wounds which have become bruised and unhealthy. One of the most rapid cases of lock-jaw that I have ever seen, occurred in a woman who was brought into a London Hospital many years ago. As a result of an altercation with a friend, she had received a wound on one temple from a flower pot which not only broke upon her head, but embodied a quantity of the mould it contained within the wound in the scalp. Neglect to remove the earthy matter, and general want of cleanliness, soon produced a wound which formed a fitting nest for the bacillus of tetanus to develop in.

## Royal British Nurses' Association.

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AT the Meeting of the Registration Board, held on Wednesday, February 28th, the following Nurses were duly enrolled on the Register in addition to those whose names were announced last week:—

Name.	Trained at
Emma Elizabeth Adams.	London Temperance Hospital.
Emily Aston.	St. Thomas Hospital.
(Late Matron of the Colonial Hospital, Gibraltar.)	
Georgina Elizabeth Barlow.	Certificated Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.
Ellen Bull.	Certificated London Homœopathic Hospital.
(Matron of Haverfordwest Infirmary.)	
Margaret Johnston.	Certificated Royal Infirmary, Manchester.
Constance J. S. Cloquet.	Certificated County Hospital, Lincoln.
Florence Barker.	
Mary Bellamy.	Dulwich Infirmary.

At the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on Friday, March 2nd, at which Her Royal Highness the President was present, the following Registered Nurses were elected Members of the Corporation:—

SARAH GALWEY.  
 AUGUSTA WILSON GODFREY,  
 (Lady Superintendent of the Hospital, Wellington,  
 New Zealand.)

ANNE ELIZA HOWE.  
 MARGARET HUGHES.  
 FLORA U. L. JENKINS.  
 MARGARET JOHNSTON.  
 ALICE LEMON.  
 EDITH MAWE.  
 EMMA GERTRUDE TWEED.  
 FANNY ELIZABETH WHITFIELD.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Secretary would be grateful if all members who have not yet paid their Annual Subscriptions would kindly remit them to her as soon as possible. The Accounts of the financial year are closed on March 31st. It costs the Association a considerable expense to send out formal reminders on this matter.

DAISY ROBINS,  
 Secretary and Registrar.

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