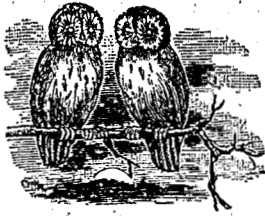


The Matrons' Council.



At the forthcoming Conference on April 30th, which is to be held under the authority of the Matrons' Council, a Paper will be read by Mrs. Alec Tweedie, entitled: "The British Produce League." This proposed Society has for its object the encouragement of the consumption of home-grown foods. In these days of narrow contracts, when so many Institutions provide foreign meat and other articles of food for the Nursing staff, it will be a subject of the utmost interest to the Matrons, of those Hospitals responsible for the commissariat, to help a Society anxious to encourage the consumption of good, wholesome British grass-fed meat, home-grown, and home-ground flour, British butter, eggs, and cheese, instead of the inferior foreign stuffs provided by contract by competing tradesmen, greatly to the detriment of the health, and therefore efficiency of the Nursing staff in many of our Hospitals and Nursing Institutions.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

(The first Co-operation of Chartered Nurses.)



A MEETING of the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, when the Hon. Superintendent presented a very satisfactory Report. Every member of the Society has been kept most actively engaged during the past month, and cases have been refused; those medical men who have in the past supported the Society, showing practical sympathy with the loyal members, and keeping them all in excellent work.

Upon the recommendation of the Hon. Superintendent, a trained Nurse, Miss Sophia Cartwright, has been appointed as the Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society. This appointment will, we feel sure, give unqualified satisfaction to any of the members who personally know Miss Cartwright and her work. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1885 to 1889, where she gained her certificate. Since that date she has worked at Gordon House Home Hospital, first as Staff Nurse, and for the last four years as Sister-in-Charge. Miss Cartwright is a Registered Nurse and a

member of the Matrons' Council. With Miss Sophia Cartwright as the Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society we feel sure that the true interests of the members will be the first consideration of the office; that for the future the business will be conducted in an honourable manner, and that the Society will greatly benefit by gaining the services of a lady of experience in Nursing matters, and who has proved herself an excellent woman of business. The Registered Nurses' Society is to be sincerely congratulated upon its new officer, and no doubt the eminent surgeons, and the hundreds of patients, whose respect and confidence she has gained at Gordon House, will apply to her with perfect confidence should they require a Nurse.

The Small-pox at Gloucester.

THE District Nursing Society's fund, for which an appeal was made last week by the Dean of Gloucester, has been augmented by donations to the amount of nearly £200, the principal donors being the Duke of Beaufort, the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Earl Ducie), and Sir John Dorington, Bart., M.P. In addition, large quantities of old linen, groceries, fruit, tobacco, and other gifts have been sent direct to the Sanitary Committee by the inhabitants of Gloucester and district. As may be easily imagined, however, great distress continues to prevail, and the latest means for collecting money was seen on Saturday, when a band paraded the streets of the city, collecting-boxes being rapidly filled with money given by the citizens.

The number of fresh cases notified on Friday was 48. This is the largest number recorded on any one day since the commencement of the outbreak. On Saturday there was a decided improvement, which was maintained on Sunday, the figures on those days being 26 and 14 respectively. A prominent medical man practising in the city is of the opinion that the worst has not yet been reached, but this opinion is not shared by Dr. Davies, medical officer of Bristol, who says that owing to the systematic exercise of vaccination it is expected that there will soon be a marked decrease. The number of persons vaccinated during the past few weeks reaches over 17,000, leaving about 24,000 persons unvaccinated. The authorities in the neighbouring towns and villages continue to take special precautions, and at the last meeting of the Chepstow Guardians it was resolved that the vaccination officers be instructed to visit the homes of all unvaccinated children and endeavour to induce the parents to allow the children to be vaccinated.

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