

In midsummer work the repeated use of a cold towel bath with the admixture of alcohol, giving sips of water at short intervals, if the nausea and retching are persistent. A drink of a half tumbler of water will remove or displace all mucous or bilious matter.

I cannot in limited space definitely outline a full course of special nurse training; it includes a great deal. She should be specially trained in the administration of anæsthetics. If well trained in this, she will be able to do good service in very many emergencies. The physician should keep in mind that the untrained or improperly trained nurse is meddling and dangerous. Young, healthy, unmarried women are to be preferred. The young woman engaged to be married should not be admitted as a pupil in the schools; she rules out those who earnestly propose to follow nursing as a profession; she is dreamy and absorbed in matters foreign to her patient. If she intends to marry, she should marry early; by this she will make a better wife and mother. It is not a rare occurrence in our general hospitals for a very lively and what is called romantic courtship to be carried on between a member of the medical staff and nurse during the examination of temperature charts or the chemical analysis essential in many cases. During this little side-show play the mortality of the hospital runs high.

The relations of physician and nurse are reciprocal, chivalric, sentiment aside. On the part of the physician there should be clean, manly, and honest dealing. To the nurse, a young lady, he stands in a double relation: first, distinct and above all, is the one purely professional, that of advisor and director; the other that of friend in the broadest platonic sense, protector, counsellor in all that concerns her well-doing. He should keep in mind that where she serves him, in serving his patient, she should be paid, and paid well. He should not, indifferent to her interests, pocket all the fees and leave her out. As a rule, I see to it in my own cases that the nurse is paid. If the patient is too poor to pay both physician and nurse, the nurse should be the preferred creditor.

Her calling involves no loss of the graces of the gentlest and most refined womanhood. In her humanitarian work and her fight for bread and for life she deserves our help.

THE suicide of Theresa O'Connor, stated to be a professional nurse, took place at a coffee house in Harrow Road last week. The reason she assigned for taking her life was that she had heart and lung troubles, and did not see the use of prolonging a life which would probably end in a long and dreary illness.

Annual Convention of American Nurses.

THE Third Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada will be held in the Academy of Medicine, New York, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and a cordial invitation is extended to all graduate nurses to be present at the General Sessions.

PROGRAMME.

Thursday, May 3rd.

1 P.M.

Presentation of Credentials and Payment of Annual Dues.

3 P.M.

Address of Welcome,
Mrs. M. CADWALDER JONES.

Address of the President,
Mrs. HUNTER ROBB.

Tea will be served at the close of the President's address.

Friday, May 4th.

10 A.M.

Reports of Committees.

Paper—A Question Answered. A reply to the question often asked, "Of what benefit will the Associated Alumnae be to me?"

Miss LAVINIA L. DOCK.
The Bellevue Hospital Alumnae.

Discussion—
Miss ALICE O. TIPPET.
The Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae.

Miss EMMA C. HACKETT.
The Illinois Training School Alumnae.

Executive Session.

2 P.M.

Paper—The Organization and Management of Clubs and Homes for Graduate Nurses.

Miss MARY E. THORNTON.

The New York Post-Graduate Hospital Alumnae.

Discussion—

1st—Organization.

Miss MARY VROOM.
The New York Hospital Alumnae.

2nd—Management.

Miss A. D. VAN KIRK.
The Presbyterian Hospital Alumnae,
New York.

3rd—The Advantages and the Disadvantages of Registries in Club Houses.

Miss MARY C. BEAN.
The Johns Hopkins Hospital Alumnae.

(a) Miss C. M. PERRY.
The Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae.

(b) Miss
The Pennsylvania Hospital Alumnae.

(c) Miss L. ELEANOR SANGSTAFF.
The Rochester City Hospital Alumnae.

(d) Miss MARGARET E. MCCARTHY
The Long Island College Hospital Alumnae.

(e) Miss EMILY O. BOSWELL.
The Boston City Hospital Alumnae.

(f) Miss L. PICKHARDT.
The Illinois Training School Alumnae.

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