

The Bart's League.

We learn that Miss Emilie Waind has been elected by a large majority to represent the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses at the Buffalo Congress. Miss Waind was gold medalist of her year at St. Bartholomew's. Both as probationer and Staff Nurse she was greatly liked by those with whom she worked, and her appointment as Sister of Stanley Ward was a very popular one. She was in various capacities connected with the hospital from 1887 to 1899, when she resigned to take up the position of Superintendent of a Nursing Home, at Guildford.

The Nurses' Co-operation.

The statement made last week by a contemporary that Miss Wells, Matron of the Howard de Walden Nurses' Home and Club, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street, is not correct. We understand that the appointment has been offered to her by the committee, but that she has no wish to give up her present post.

We learn further that many members of the Nurses' Co-operation are signing a petition expressing their desire to retain the services of Miss Amy Hughes, whose resignation we reported last week. We would again venture to offer a word of warning to the members of this successful Society not to be influenced by any outside wire pulling, which can but result in their own discomfiture.

Appointments

MATRON.

Miss Rose, who has been appointed Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Market Drayton, received her training at the Walsall and District Hospital; since then has been for six years Sister at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, for a short time Sister at the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, for eighteen months Sister of the men's surgical ward at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, and is at present Night Superintendent at the County Hospital, York.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss May C. Jones has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Newport Union Infirmary, Monmouthshire. She received her training at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and has acted as Staff Nurse at the Sussex County Hospital.

Notes on Practical Nursing.

PREPARATION OF OPERATING ROOM SUPPLIES AND THE OPERATING ROOM IN HOSPITALS AND HOMES.

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DRESSINGS.

The best and most appropriate dressings used in modern surgery are those made from gauze and absorbent cotton. Dressings made from moss, lint, etc., are now almost entirely abandoned. The following is a list of the best gauze dressings used:—

- Plain sterile gauze.
- Bichloride gauze.
- Iodoform gauze.
- Salicylated gauze.
- Borated gauze.
- Oiled gauze.
- Moist gauze.
- Carbolized gauze.
- Cyanide of mercury and zinc gauze.
- Pot permanganate gauze.
- Bismuth gauze.

Plain Sterile Gauze.—(No. 1.) Obtain bleached gauze. (No. 2.) Cut in pieces five yards long, fold in 4 layers, roll tightly, wrap in a towel, secure ends with safety pins, place in sterilizer, and sterilize under 15 lbs. pressure, remove and store in sterile air-tight jars. Use antiseptic precautions in handling the gauze, and re-sterilize if exposed or not used in 48 hours.

No. ii.—Obtain bleached gauze No. 2, cut in pieces 5 yards long, and in different widths, from 2-5 inches. Fold the gauze in glass tubes, pack tightly, and close both ends with absorbent cotton, place in sterilizer and sterilize as above mentioned. Plain sterile gauze can be used in any surgical case, and is much to be preferred, as it quickly absorbs all moisture, and in that way helps to prevent the development of bacteria.

Gauze cut in strips and packed in glass tubes is chiefly used for drainage, or in gynecological operations. It is also used for packing the cervix when forcing labour, and for tamponing cavities in cases of hæmorrhages.

Bichloride Gauze.—(1) Cut and fold gauze as before, boil for 1 hour in Normal Salt Sol., place in sterile stupe wringer, and wring as dry as possible; immerse in 1-1,000 or 1-2,000 Bichloride Sol. in a jar with cover, allow the gauze to remain over night, remove into a sterile stupe:

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