

the general supervisor and the second assistant nurse should handle the thermo-cautery and bring everything needed to the amphitheatre. The interne who gives the anæsthesia should have an assistant, which place can be best filled by the head nurse. She can give the transfusions or infusions; the stimulating enemas, hypodermic injections, handle the aspirator, the oxygen tank with inhaler, the electric battery, place patient in Trendelenburg's position, etc.

One interne or nurse is generally in charge of the instruments; this can be undertaken by the interne or nurse at the ligature table.

Perfect quiet should prevail in the operating-room, and every one should be made to feel the dignity of the position in its highest sense, realizing the seriousness of the task undertaken.

No visitors should be allowed in the operating-room, but if belonging to the medical profession, should be assigned a place in the gallery which surrounds the operating-room, and is generally built of enamelled steel with tiled floors.

All members of the patient's family should be excluded from the operating-room.

All orderlies belonging to the operating-room should be dressed in white uniforms and caps, and should be within easy calling distance.

(To be continued.)

Army Nursing Notes.

Miss Lavinia L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the American Society of Superintendents' of Training Schools, sends hearty congratulations to the Matrons' Council, of which she is an honoured member, on their Memorandum presented to the Secretary of State for War on Army Nursing Reform. "You have done nobly," she writes, and her praise is worth having.

The *Lancet*, in its "Suggestions for the re-organisation of the Army Medical Service," dismisses the vital question of Nursing under the following paragraph.

"FEMALE NURSES II.—Without skilled female nurses nursing cannot be properly carried out, and it will probably be necessary under ordinary and existing circumstances to increase the existing establishment. It will certainly be so in case of war on any large scale."

The attitude of the Army Medical Corps towards trained nursing is summed up in these characteristic platitudes, which savour of pre-Crimean ages. In the estimation of the *Lancet*, nursing is simply *non est!*

The International Council of Nurses.

A meeting of the International Council of Nurses will be held at the Women's Industrial and Educational Union Hall, 86, Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York State, on Monday, September 16th, 1901, at 3 o'clock.

AGENDA.

Presidential Address.....Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
Roll Call.

Minutes of the last meeting.

Report from the Hon. Secretary.....

Miss L. L. Dock.

Report from the Hon. Treasurer.....

Miss M. A. Snively.

Other Business.

If a second meeting is required, it will be announced at the first.

L. L. Dock, *Secretary.*

By Order of the President and Council.

It is proposed that a short resumé of the condition of nursing education, and nurses' organizations from various countries shall be presented at this meeting, and it is hoped that several members will be present to give these reports in person. Miss Lavinia Dock is preparing the report for the United States, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for Great Britain and Ireland, Miss M. A. Snively for Canada, Miss McGahey for Federated Australia, Mrs. Neill for New Zealand, Miss Jackson, of Rio de Janeiro, for Brazil, Miss Milne for Tasmania, Sister Henrietta, of Kimberley, for South Africa, Dr. Anna Hamilton for France, Mrs. Gordon Norrie for Denmark, and many other ladies with expert knowledge in various European countries have been invited to contribute reports for the information of the Council.

Members of the International Council will be provided with residence at Buffalo during the week of the meetings. They will also be met and entertained in New York and other large cities, unless they prefer making their own arrangements. Should any one desire to prolong her stay in Buffalo, Miss Damer, 55, Mohawk Street, Buffalo, will be glad to make arrangements for securing rooms after the congress week.

The Buffalo Nurses Association is already making arrangements for five hundred visiting nurses, who will attend the Nurses' Congress. No doubt this number will be largely increased as time goes on. We hear that the popularity of this convention is widespread, and a most influential gathering is assured.

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