

lications arising because of the fracture or the means by which the fracture was produced; thus a so-called simple fracture of a leg produced by a fall would require far different management upon the part of a nurse than would a fracture of the leg due to a gunshot wound, or a so-called compound fracture, or fracture of the leg by a sharp instrument in which the soft parts, muscles, nerves, and blood vessels are injured."

The diseases of women, diseases which require the most skilled and careful nursing, and for the care of which nurses are often but ill-equipped by the instruction they receive in their training schools, are dealt with by Dr. Anthony Shimonek. We note with pleasure the high appreciation of nurses evinced by the author of the article. He writes:—

"The trained nurse of to-day has come to stay, is a member of a good and noble profession, who, through her work, holds a vital relation to the patient, relieves much of the physician's anxiety, and promotes greatly the convalescence of the patient."

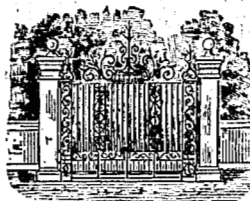
He goes on to say that the time is not far distant (may we not say, rather, it has already arrived?) when professional nursing will be sub-divided into specialties, having a basis of general study of the subject as a whole, and goes on—"Proper gynecological nursing to-day is certainly a specialty, and should be so considered by abdominal surgeons. Such nursing, being special, requires special preparation, both theoretical and practical. The woman who selects the profession of nursing should begin to study as early as possible; the more general education she possesses the better will she be fitted to rise in her profession; while young she is more studious and ambitious. The indispensable qualities to success in the work may be summarised as—intelligence, predilection for such duty, mental and physical alertness, indefatigability, the faculty of handling the whims and peculiarities of patients, which trait must be cultivated if not naturally possessed, for the sick change very materially in disposition, and very seldom for the better, and their fancies must be intelligently, gently, and at the same time firmly met."

A valuable chapter on "Obstetrics" is contributed by Dr. William Davis, A.B. One caution given, however, is somewhat surprising. If the child is born before the physician arrives, it should, we are told, "be laid on its back or right side, so that it cannot roll its face down into the pool of fluid in the bed and smother, as has not infrequently happened to children born under similar circumstances." Surely, if a trained nurse is in attendance, there would be no "pool of fluid" in the bed. The Infant and Child, with directions as to suitable feeding, are dealt with by Dr. Henry J. O'Brien.

Nervous and Mental Diseases are treated by Dr. O. Eugene Riggs, A.M., and this chapter will be read with much interest by nurses, for the subject is one about which most of them know little, and yet in these days of over-strain it becomes increasingly important for them to know how to deal with patients suffering from nervous diseases. The concluding chapters are on the "Symptoms and Treatment of Poisons," by Dr. George E. Senkler; "Eye and Ear," by Dr. Cornelius Williams; and "Cooking for the Sick," before mentioned, by Mrs. Mary B. James. It will thus be seen that the scope of the book is most extensive.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Queen has been graciously pleased to give her immediate patronage to the performance of "Alkestis," which is to be given at the Crystal Palace on July 12th, under the direction of Miss Elsie Fogerty, in aid of the fund for supplying lamps for the light cure of lupus at the London Hospital.

On Saturday the Lord Mayor received from the Colonial Office a cheque for £5,000, being the first contribution of the Federated Malay States towards the National Memorial to the late Queen Victoria. The Mansion House Fund now exceeds £200,000.

The Society of American Women in London has arranged an "At Home" in the Galleries of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, on the evening of Friday, July 11th, to meet his Excellency the Special American Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, his Excellency the Ambassador of the United States and Mrs. Choate, and the members of the Special Embassy from the United States to the Coronation. This is sure to be a most brilliant gathering, and it is significant that, as far as we know, the American is the only women's society in London which has come forward to take its rightful position as hostess to political representatives. In omitting to do so, societies of British women have once more proved their lack of initiative and *vim*.

It is proposed to establish a Convalescent Home for working girls as a memorial to the late Father Dolling, and to ask the Misses Dolling, the sisters without whose devoted labours it would have been impossible for him to carry on his work, to undertake its management. The benefits of the Home, in the first instance, will be for girls recommended by the authorities of St. Agatha's, Landport, and St. Saviour's, Poplar.

During a recent visit to Crefeld, the German Emperor, who was in high good humour, thanked the Maids of Honour for their attendance, complimented them on their grace and charm, and asked if the lieutenants often danced with them. When told that Crefeld possessed no lieutenants, he laughed and said "Then I must send you some," and added on leaving, "I will keep my word." Next day the Chief Burgomaster received the following telegram:—"By order of His Majesty the Kaiser and King, Crefeld is to receive a garrison. Kindly forward proposals for the accommodation of a Hussar regiment in the town."

The Pope's old nurse, Anna Moroni, is nearly one hundred years old, and has just visited his Holiness. She was able to remind the Pontiff that at Velletri she had had the proud privilege of carrying him in her arms when he was about four years of age. The Pope was in excellent spirits, and showed the deepest interest in his aged visitor, recalling with her many of the incidents of his childhood.

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