

ing. First of all a piece of cotton-wool was placed jacket-wise over his chest and round his sides, holes being made for the arms, then came two long-sleeved cotton shirts, one being placed inside the other before putting on, the sleeves were tied at the wrists with pale blue ribbon to prevent them slipping up, then came an enormous napkin made of about a square yard of calico, folded cornerways, outside this a piece of straight thick flannel; these were placed in position, the baby was then powdered and the napkin folded first round one leg, so keeping the whole of the leg entirely apart from the other; then the other side was wound round the body and fastened with a safety-pin, the blanket was simply folded round the body and pinned. The shirts were then arranged and pinned down in front, whilst to complete the toilette a clean white cloth was arranged round the body over the flannel, the ends being neatly folded up underneath and pinned in position.

The mouth was cleaned by means of a piece of cotton-wool twisted round the end of a skewer-like stick. Baby was now dressed, and once more looking like a little mummy was fed and returned to his incubator. The whole of the dressing took place on the top of a table covered with a blanket and white cloth instead of upon the nurse's lap. In cases where the child is too young or weak to swallow, it is fed nasally through a peculiarly-shaped spoon until it is strong enough to take the breast.

It is estimated that 15 per cent. of the children born here are before term, and of those brought up in the incubators 80 per cent. live.

Needless to say that although no charge is made for admission, donations are asked for inside, and who could refuse to give something in support of such an excellent and practical work, to say nothing of the (to me) interesting exhibition?

Legal Matters.

ACTION FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

Miss Selina Newsham, said to be a nurse, who will not be twenty years of age until next April, obtained £550 for breach of promise from Mr. William Kendall, barrister, and squire of the village of Sinnington, in an action before Mr. Justice Kennedy at the Leeds Assizes. It would be interesting to know where this "nurse," who appeared in the witness-box in uniform, obtained her professional training. Hospitals of repute do not take probationers of seventeen years of age.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

An inmate of the Lambeth Workhouse Infirmary recently died in consequence of a dose of carbolic acid having been administered by a nurse instead of "house mixture." The jury exonerated the nurse, who said she had had twenty-one years' experience without mishap. We should hope so. Such "mishaps" do not occur in the practice of careful nurses.

The American Nursing World.

The American Journal of Nursing Company was incorporated in the City of New York, October 13th, 1902. The incorporators elected a Board of Directors, five in number, to serve until the annual meeting in January, of which Miss M. E. P. Davis was elected president, Miss A. D. Van Kirk secretary, and Miss P. S. Dolliver treasurer, the other two directors being Miss S. F. Palmer and Miss L. L. Dock. The company was formed with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, one hundred shares at par value of one hundred dollars per share being issued. By-laws were adopted.

On the previous day a stockholders' meeting was held, all of the stock with the exception of two shares being represented either in person or by proxy, and the preliminary steps for incorporation were taken, the by-laws approved, and a general outline of procedure agreed upon.

The Report presented by Miss Maud Banfield, Chairman of the Course in Hospital Economics at Teachers' College, New York, is interesting reading. Seven students registered for the course which began last October, and Miss Alline, instructor-in-charge, reports that the class is a very promising one.

Miss Glenn, a member of the late class, who has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Passavant Hospital, Chicago, Ill., says: "I feel as if I would like to say to the hospital economics students that there is *not a thing* they can pick up in any way that they will not be glad of later. I realised it last year, but it is impressed on me over and over again as the days go by. I am going to give the work in dietetics, so I can have the money for reference-books. Twenty-five dollars is what they have been paying an instructor. Not a day passes that I am not glad of something I got in New York. I do hope it may be my privilege to have another year there some time."

The proposed Bill of the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses embodies the following important provisions:—

The appointment of a State Board of Examiners of Graduate Nurses, to be composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois from twelve nominations submitted to him by the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses.

The members of this Board shall, before entering on the discharge of their duties, make and file with the Secretary of State the constitutional oath of office.

The Board shall adopt rules, regulations, and a seal, and shall maintain a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under the Act, which shall be open to public scrutiny; it shall have power to cause the prosecution of persons violating the Act.

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