

chloroform is required, sprinkle it on the wool, and lightly hold the tumbler to the nostrils and above the mouth, so that she can inhale it on the access of a pain. Remove the tumbler when the pain ceases. This simple plan is preferable, to my mind, to sprinkling the chloroform on handkerchiefs or napkins, which wastes a good deal. Of course, this is merely a suggestion, and you will have to carry out any plan the accoucheur may direct. Labours, as I told you before, may be short or long. If prolonged, the patient will most likely require some sort of refreshing drink. A cup of freshly made tea (all black is preferable) with milk is nearly always acceptable, especially at night. Sometimes an effervescing drink is required. You should always have a syphon of soda water in the room (or a champagne corkscrew in a bottle of soda water), so that, turning on the tap, you can mix just as much as you want with milk or lemon juice, according as may be desirable. As a rule, thirst accompanies labour, especially when protracted, and different kinds of refreshing drinks become a Nursing point. In cases where there is much depression, hot milk is very reviving, with or without a little pale brandy, but that will depend upon the instructions of the Medical attendant; but as to the beneficial effects of hot milk in protracted labour, especially in the first stage, there can be no question, and as you have a saucepan in your room, you can make it hot as required. When these advanced symptoms of labour show themselves, you must have brought up to your room, supposing it be late in the evening, *all* that you may be likely to want during the night—milk, eggs, a few biscuits, pale brandy, as I said before, in the way of refreshment; fuel for the fires; an abundant supply of water; foot-warmer ready to hand, and all other things necessary.

(To be continued.)

FRESH PAGES.—We have received from the Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company the third edition of the pamphlet, entitled "Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds," which has been revised up to date, and contains a vast amount of most useful and valuable information upon disinfectants.

GENIUS AND TALENT.—The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms. Very often it does not know what to do with genius. Talent is a docile creature. It bows its head meekly while the world slips the collar over it. It backs into the shafts like a lamb. It draws its load cheerfully, and is patient of the bit and of the whip. But genius is always impatient of its harness; its wild blood makes it hard to train.

MR. BARNARDO AND SISTER CLARA.

WE have received from Mr. Barnardo the following letter:—

"To the Editor of the 'Nursing Record.'

"Madam,—On my return to England a few days ago, my attention was directed to the first two articles in your journal, in which you set forth and criticise my procedure towards Miss Clara Jump, the late Matron of Her Majesty's Hospital for Sick Children. I have since seen your third paper in continuation of the same subject.

"In my first letter to you, which appears in your issue of the 5th inst., it may be within your recollection that I stated that, inasmuch as I believed Miss Clara Jump had 'seen you on several occasions during the last few weeks of her stay with me, and has had already, as she alleges, the advantage of advice and counsel from you, I can hardly imagine that you would be quite as impartial a judge of the case as you naturally desire to be.' The perusal, now, of your three articles entirely confirms the correctness of the view which I thus expressed. From the very first I think it will be obvious to anyone that you have assumed the position of an *advocate*, determined at all costs to do the best for a client, not the impartial attitude of a *judge* who calmly listens to both sides before passing judgment. This conflicts somewhat with your own expressed intention. However, I merely point this out. I have no right to complain of it, especially as I presume that in carrying out the method you have adopted, you will at least, in common fairness, when you have finished your indictment, allow me as favourable an opportunity to reply, with as much space as you have yourself occupied in setting forth what you deem to be a correct statement of the points at issue.

"Under the circumstances, I would only beg the readers of the *Nursing Record* to suspend their judgment until the other side of the case has been as fully placed before them for their consideration. I may, however, be allowed to add that I am surprised to find that, in two or three instances where letters have been quoted by you, you have permitted, for very obvious reasons, some slight alterations from the original to be made. This procedure, surely, is hardly consistent with the sense of accuracy and of fair play which ought to animate such a controversy.

"Hoping that you will give prominent insertion to this note (unaltered) in your next issue,—I am, Madam, your obedient servant,

"THOS. J. BARNARDO.

"18 to 26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.

"30th September, 1889."

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