

### League News.

We are asked to mention that Miss Isla Stewart, President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, is specially anxious to distinguish the League's guests, who are members of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, who intend to be present at the social gathering at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on December 2nd, and to enable her to do this at sight, she invites them to wear a little bow of red ribbon, which can be procured upon application to the Hon. Secretary of the Committee, Miss Barton, Matron, Chelsea Infirmary, Cale Street, London, S.W. It is hoped Miss Rogers, the Chairman of the Provisional Committee, will be present, and thus have an opportunity of making the acquaintance of many of the delegates of which it is composed.

### Prizes and Certificates.

On Saturday afternoon there was a delightful gathering at the Royal Hospital for Sick Women and Children, Bristol, to witness the annual prize-giving to the nurses connected with the institution. Mr. W. H. Greville Edwards, president, presided.

Miss Mattick, the Matron, gave the results of the examinations:—Prizes and certificates awarded for general proficiency to nurses at the close of their two years' training:—Nurse Gotto, first prize (presented by the president); Nurse Richards, second prize (presented by Mr William Gamett). Certificate of merit, Nurse Scott. Second year nurses—Anatomy and physiology: Prize, Nurse Eleanor Richards; medicine for nurses: Prize, Nurse Eleanor Richards. First year nurses—Anatomy and physiology. Prize, Nurse Medway; medicine for nurses: Prize, Nurse Medway. Certificates of honourable mention—Anatomy and physiology: Second year nurses, Nurse Beamish; first year nurses, Nurse Williams, Nurse Lewis, Nurse Sheldon. Certificates of honourable mention—Medicine for nurses: Second year nurses, Nurse Gotto, Nurse Beamish; first year nurses, Nurse Hill, Nurse Millard, Nurse Lewis, Nurse Williams.

Miss Clifford, who had kindly consented to distribute the awards, congratulated the successful nurses on the distinction they had gained. She thought the Children's Hospital was a standing witness of the preciousness of life. The frequent sacrifice of infant life was extremely sad, and one felt that some of the children on coming to the institution received their first idea of what real motherlike treatment meant.

In seconding a vote of thanks to Miss Clifford, Miss Mattick urged the nurses to be obedient and loyal to those in authority, kind, sympathetic, and patient, and to be ever on the alert to keep abreast with medical science.

### Practical Points.

**Ulcers of Leg.** For cleaning up long-standing, discharging ulcers of the lower leg, chlorinated soda is most efficacious. The proportion used is one part of solution of chlorinated soda to three parts of water, the latter to be used hot.

It is applied as an ordinary wet dressing, two folds of lint covered by jaconette, and, in cases where there is much smell and discharge, changed two to four hourly.

After the ulcer is thoroughly clean and healthy looking, grafting usually has very good results.

When the surface of the ulcer is very extensive, a second or even a third grafting may be necessary.

If the operation is performed with aseptic precautions, the wound heals quickly and the patient is saved the weeks of inaction made necessary by the old method of letting the ulcer heal by granulation.

**A Movement for Sanitary Kitchens.** A movement is on foot in Chicago, says the *American Journal of Nursing*, looking to the passage of legislation permitting the formation of an inspection brigade, to be directed by the Board of Health, whose sole duty will be to examine restaurant kitchens, and to see to it that rules governing the conduct of those departments of eating-houses in regard to sanitation are carried out. Such kitchens are usually in the basement, and those of the cheaper sort are too often dirty and ill-ventilated. Food may be all right when purchased, but when kept for a short time in such places may become entirely unfit for use.

Reform in the restaurant kitchen is bound to come in time, and the idea should be encouraged.

We would suggest that the restaurant kitchen in London should also be subjected to a little daylight occasionally, it is often submerged territory.

**The Cleansing of Verminous Persons.** No more unpleasant duty devolves upon nurses than the cleansing of verminous persons when admitted to the wards,

and constant care is necessary not only at the first thorough washing, but at the daily washing for some time afterwards. In the first place all the clothes of the infected person should be at once sent to be baked. Then, if the condition of the patient permits, he should have a hot bath, plenty of soft soap being used, and subsequent rubbing with rough towels, so that the skin is first softened and the superficial epidermis removed. This is especially desirable where the *acarus scabiei* (the parasite causing scabies or itch) is present, as it burrows under the skin. Under medical direction some parasiticide, such as sulphur ointment, should then be rubbed into the affected parts. A daily bath, as described, followed by the above treatment thoroughly carried out will probably result in a cure in a short time. The fact that new patients may bring in

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