

there is only a septic wound without any general poisoning to speak of, the appearance often suggests impending death. Occasionally, though very rarely, patients can be saved by the removal of the entire uterus.

When the acute stage has passed, the danger is by no means over; inflammation round the uterus often sets in, and, as you have seen, it is sometimes necessary to open the abdomen later on and remove diseased tubes, or ovaries, or drain pelvic abscesses. Fortunately, the patients usually react well to abundance of good food and skilful nursing, and they can often take solid diet with advantage even when the temperature is raised—they are often hungry when the temperature is high. Later on, prolonged rest and the administration of iron internally are the most important essentials. The difficulty generally is to persuade the patients to stay in hospital until they are fit for domestic exertion, and you yourselves can very often help materially in the cure by persuading them that they are really better off in hospital even when they think themselves perfectly fit to go home.

(To be continued).

International News.

Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, is now in New York, and she writes us that she is collecting money for our international treasury so that we may pay our way in Paris next June, if it is necessary to hire a hall for the Nursing Conference, or to incur other expenses. Women are so business-like and economical when they manage their own organisations, that somehow there always seems a surplus. All agreed what a splendid time we had in Berlin, and yet, if we remember right, the delegates to the Nurses' Conference were not called upon to pay for anything but luncheon!

We anticipate quite a delightful time in Paris, and the news that amongst others Miss Adelaide M. Nutting of Baltimore is to attend the Conference, has been received with great pleasure on this side. After the visit of the Hon. President to France in the autumn, a sub-committee will be formed to organise the meeting and arrange for officers and speakers. The new French nursing journal, to which we allude in another column, will be able to give publicity to the Conference, and its assistance, which we feel sure will be forthcoming, will be invaluable.

Prize Day at the London Hospital.

The Library of the Medical College of the London Hospital was filled to the utmost on Friday, July 13th, with medical students, nurses, and their relatives, friends and guests. The fine room was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers, and on the platform sat the Rt. Hon. R. B. Haldane, K.C., M.P., Lord Stanley (Treasurer of the Hospital), the Hon. Sydney Holland (Chairman of the Hospital), Mr. Douro Hoare (Chairman of the College Board), the Warden, Mr. Munro-Scott, and the members of the House-Committee and Staff.

Mr. Hoare opened the proceedings by a few suitable words and Mr. Haldane distributed the prizes and certificates to the medical students.

Mr. Holland then rose, and after explaining that half a million of money had been spent on the hospital, said that the great bond of sympathy between them and Mr. Haldane was that they were expected by the public to do much with very little—they were expected to build with bricks and no mortar or straw. As to the nurses, he hardly dared use the word in the presence of Mr. Haldane, for the moment he did so, the right honourable gentleman's benevolent, beaming, smiling face at once clouded over, for—and those of us who were initiated in the subject knew why. He then said that considering the present requirements of the day, their nurses received the highest possible instruction, for much was expected of them. It was especially in cases of Itis that nurses excelled. In cases of Itis where physicians did too little and surgeons too much was the grand opportunity of the nurse, where with her scientific knowledge and her hawk-like eye she came to the rescue of the patients for whom the doctors had done too much and too little. (Not being an "old Londoner" I wondered how the London nurses performed these feats). With regard to the prizes he wished to say that, according to his experience, those nurses who had won the highest positions had never turned out to be the best nurses—which made one wonder why they had examinations at the London Hospital and why the worst nurses were encouraged by the bestowal of prizes.

Miss Mary Williams, Miss Emily Saunders, and Miss Dora Borland were then called and were presented with the first, second, and third prizes by Mr. Haldane, who certainly smiled on them with great benevolence.

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