

from their disuse. Indeed, sometimes when the wounded muscle is completely healed again, it may require weeks, or even months, of patient massage, and even frequent applications of the galvanic battery, before the limb is restored to its previous strength and activity.

(To be continued.)

"Nurses Love Your Babies."

Miss Linna G. Richardson, writing in the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*, on "The Baby and the Nurse," quotes the words of Charles Dickens, "I love these little people, and it is not a slight thing when they so fresh from God love us." She asks:

"Can the obstetrical nurse become a success without great love for little ones or without great sympathy for the mother in her crowning days, which have also become her days of great physical weakness. Did you ever call upon a prospective patient and notice the anxious expression on her face when she asked you if you liked babies? You have laid the foundation for the confidence and love of your future patient if the answer comes from your heart when you say, 'Indeed, I do!'"

"The demand for graduates who make a speciality of this line of work is steadily increasing, and the physician who has the good fortune to obtain the services of the real obstetrical nurse will soon discover her fitness for the work, and desire her services for his patients.

"The real obstetrical nurse will tell you that her babies are not cross, and this to her, at least, is true. So well does the little bundle of flannel and flesh know the firm touch and the loving voice of his nurse that pain, discomfort, and hunger are but dreams over which he smiles as soon as she has ministered unto him and snuggled him into one of the many 'comfy' positions that she alone knows. The baby seems such a perfect fit in the nurse's arms. He may get bunched and uncomfortable even in his mother's arms, but one or two movements of the nurse will transform him into a serene contented little bundle.

"When the dear grandmother, who has raised eight or ten children of her own, ceases to fret when the baby sleeps four hours or cries two minutes, because she feels sure the nurse knows he is all right, then and not until then may the nurse rest on her laurels.

"This line of work requires a special fitness and training. The fitness will be acquired when the nurse has obeyed a new commandment, which should be, *Nurses, love your babies.*"

The International Council of Nurses.

We have pleasure in printing the Programme of the forthcoming Nursing Conference in Paris, arranged by the International Council of Nurses, and heartily congratulate the Council and Miss L. L. Dock, the most able Hon. Secretary, upon so successfully securing so much influential support, and the personal help of so many eminent people. We think the Programme wonderfully representative of those men and women who have taken the initiative in the modern nursing movement in France, and of the leaders in the organisation of the profession of nursing in the three affiliated countries—Great Britain and Ireland, the United States, and Germany. Nothing but good can come of consultation between so many men and women, who have proved by untiring work their devotion to the welfare of the sick. May *la belle France* soon have a National Council of Nurses, ready to affiliate with her sister countries, Great Britain, Germany, and America, who will welcome her warmly into their International Circle.

The Programme.

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