

tain extent a preventive measure. Artificial light acts as a magnet to mosquitoes, and if access is possible through the windows they leave the outer darkness and perform their revels indoors. The following is a certain safeguard against their invasion. As soon as the lights are turned on, half fill a basin with boiling water, and on the surface of it pour about a teaspoonful of eucalyptus oil. There is some comfort to be derived from the fact that mosquitoes, for some reason, best known, perhaps, to themselves, never fly very high above the ground, so that rooms which are not on the ground floor or in the basement may be regarded as mosquito-proof, and such rooms should be sought as a refuge by all who offer special attractiveness to the creature.

In case of a bite there is nothing like prompt treatment. Bathing the part with liquid ammonia will generally neutralise the poison, and prevent a swelling, while most druggists in mosquito-haunted districts keep a lotion containing carbolic acid as its chief ingredient, which will be found specially cooling and healing. Should first-aid measures not be at hand and a swelling follows as a consequence, the part should be treated with cold compresses, followed by an application of zinc ointment. In very severe cases in which the pain is violent, the application of grey (mercurial) ointment quickly relieves and reduces the inflammation, but should the skin surrounding the bite turn dark blue and be encircled by vesicles, medical aid should be called in at once.

International Council of Nurses.

The Canadian Nurse, speaking editorially, opens with the following words this month:—"We heartily endorse the suggestion of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick that the time has come when Canadian nurses should consider national organisation. It was one of the chief purposes in the mind of the founders of *The Canadian Nurse*, and we hope the time is not far distant when our national nurses' magazine shall chronicle the formation of a National Association of Nurses." We know a Canadian Council would be warmly welcomed into the International organisation. Let us hope it will be ready in some form by 1909.

Interest in the International Council has also been aroused in India. The Association of Nursing Superintendents of India have begun a great work in that mighty Empire, and will, we feel sure, come into touch with us before long.

Progress of State Registration.

The Public Meeting to be held on Friday, July 17th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., in support of the principles incorporated in the Nurses' Registration Bill, which passed its second reading without division in the House of Lords, on July 6th, is an important occasion, and we hope will be crowded out with women full of enthusiasm for this far-reaching reform. Miss Isla Stewart will be in the chair, and the text of the Resolutions to be proposed will be found under the heading of Coming Events.

WELCOME HELP.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the following most welcome Donations towards the Nurses' Registration Bill expenses:—

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From the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses	25	0	0
Miss Isla Stewart, ...	2	2	0
Miss H. M. Thorold ...	1	1	0
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Miss Sidney Browne ...	1	0	0
Miss G. B. Macvitie ...	1	0	0
Miss L. Warrener, R.N.S. ...	10	0	
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Member, R.N.S. ...	2	6	

This is most encouraging, as the expenses of arousing public opinion on this question—which at first sight appears a woman's question—but with a little consideration will be realised as one of national importance, so closely does it affect every member of the community, is a very costly matter.

In kindly sending her generous donation of £1, Miss Macvitie writes: "I hope all nurses who are anxious for registration will be prompted to send you a small donation. I have retired from active work, but consider it my duty to contribute out of my limited income for the uplifting of our profession. It is all those who are in active work who will benefit if the Bill is passed, and each could send a trifle, which would not be missed, but would be a great help. I hope they will do so."

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN AND REGISTRATION.

A resolution in support of the State Registration of Trained Nurses is one of the three resolutions selected for a place on the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, to be held at Aberdeen on the 14th and 15th of October.

VERY NICELY PUT.

Much that Dr. George T. Sprague had to say to the meeting of the Kentucky Associa-

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