

tion, etc., the vacuum cups of Klapp have proven most beneficial. Space does not permit a detailed description of the vacuum cup, but the mode of action is by producing a local hyperaemia along the fistulous tract.

In conclusion, I would say that in the use of this method a great deal of study and experience are necessary by the individual man. Only general rules for its application in the various affections can be given, and the experience and knowledge of the surgeon must be the necessary guides in special cases. In all cases a careful supervision of the case is required.—From the *Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine*.

The International Congress of Nurses.

Early in April a meeting of the Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will be summoned to receive a report of the progress made in the organisation of the Congress Sessions and social functions, and to make the final arrangements for the International Congress of Nurses and the Exhibition. Everything, so far, frames for a very successful gathering, and we have to thank the professional nursing press in the United States, many of our Colonies, Canada, Germany, France, Holland, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden, for kindly making the Congress known in each country.

THE EXHIBITION.

The organisation of the Nurses' Practical Exhibit is in competent hands, and the lines on which the 1896 Nursing Exhibition in London was arranged will be followed. As prizes are to be awarded for the most complete sections, and also for the best practical inventions by nurses, this show will no doubt be popular and instructive.

THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The playtime during Congress week both for afternoons and evenings has now been nearly filled up, by kind offers of hospitality, and the foreign delegates and visitors may look forward to a very enthusiastic welcome from the hostess Council, and those ladies associated with it, who are greatly interested in the work of the International Council of Nurses, and whose co-operation is indispensable.

WELCOME HELP.

We acknowledge with many thanks the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—Miss A. Barclay, R.N.S., 5s.; Miss E. Dodd, 3s.; Miss Buxton, R.N.S., 2s. 6d.

The Territorial Force Nursing Association for London.

The first Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Mansion House on Monday. Lady Dimsdale presided, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the Lady Mayoress. It was largely attended; and important business transacted.

Lady Beachcroft, wife of the new Chairman of the London County Council, Mrs. Codrington, and Miss Sidney Browne were added to the Committee.

The four Organising Matrons reported progress, Miss Stewart having nearly completed the number of nurses required to staff No. 1 City Hospital. The following ladies were elected to represent the lay element on the Sub-Committees:—Viscountess Esher and Mrs. Adams on No. 1, Miss Stewart, Organising Matron; Lady Barlow and Mrs. Hanson, No. 2, Miss Davies, Organising Matron; the Countess of Denbigh and Lady Mackinnon, No. 3, Miss Barton, Organising Matron; Lady Ellis and the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, No. 4, Miss Ray, Organising Matron.

The very pretty little silver badge attached to a red and white ribbon, approved by her Majesty the Queen, was inspected and admired. At the termination of the meeting, the members of the Committee supported the Lord Mayor on the platform at the meeting for Trained Nurses held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House.

Territorial Nursing at the Mansion House.

The enthusiastic audience which filled the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House on Monday last at the meeting of nurses convened to hear the details of the Territorial Nursing Scheme, was sufficient evidence of the patriotism of the nurses in the City and County of London, and the interest which they take in the scheme.

THE LORD MAYOR.

The Lord Mayor, who presided, expressed the great regret, and real disappointment, of the Lady Mayoress, who has fallen a victim to influenza, at her inability to be present, as she took a keen interest in the movement. He also announced that he had received a letter from the Secretary of State for War expressing Mr. Haldane's great regret that he would be unable to be present, as a meeting of the Cabinet had been summoned for the same time.

THE LADY HELEN MUNRO-FERGUSON.

The Lord Mayor then called upon Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, who said she con-

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