

denly their point of view of the question came to me with a rush. It was neither more nor less than the Protestant or Anti-Roman Catholic reasons and theories on behalf of a married clergyman versus a celibate one, viz., the moral question, and that of the development of mind, heart, and character of those who know the joys and burdens of married life, of maternity, and paternity. "I can only give you our experience," said Monsieur l'Econome, "we prefer a thousand times our married nurses to our unmarried ones." What could one say in the face of such a statement? This was France, and I was talking to French people. Are they meeting their own characteristics and needs, or is it a progressive, an evolutionary movement, which others may yet copy? . . . The future will prove. Let us satisfy ourselves at the present to watch and wait.

There was, however, something in what Madame Jacques said, which gave me fresh reflections, "Last year," she said, "I frequently came to my rooms, too tired, too discouraged, and worn out to eat my lonely dinner. I frequently went to bed and cried myself to sleep. This year my husband is here to advise and help and cheer me, and things seem less difficult, and next morning I am ready for my day's work with fresh courage and fresh love for my pupils. I feel a strength within me which I had not last year, and I feel I can rule with more gentleness and ease." This reminded me that each and every anti-suffrage nurse in England gave for her reasons that women couldn't be given power without abusing it, that they had had enough of the tyranny of their Matrons, ever to wish to see women in power. "There are two sides to every question" is a good old saying.

EDLA WORTABET.

TINCTURE OF IODINE IN SURGERY.

Dr. Walter T. Dannreuther, in a paper in *The Medical Record* advises surgeons to wash out wounds during operation with a watery solution of iodine, one drachm of the tincture to one pint of water. For cleansing the hands he uses one drachm of the tincture to one quart of water. Staining of the hands is unusual unless a stronger solution is used, when ammonia will remove it. He prepares catgut by immersing the strands in a watery solution of 1 per cent. iodine and 1 per cent. potassium iodide crystals for eight days, then transferring it to a dry sterile jar covered with gauze. This catgut is aseptic and antiseptic, as proved by bacteriological experiments, it absolutely cannot be infected, its tensile strength and pliability are increased and it is exceedingly cheap.

Dr. Dannreuther says iodine is a germicidal agent of high potency, one of the most valuable antiseptics in our armamentarium and endowed with remarkable power. For two years he has not had a case of stitch abscess or wound infection.

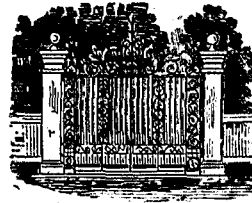
SANATOGEN.

In connection with our notice of Flavoured Sanatogen last week, we are asked to state that there are four sizes of tins, sold at 1s. 9d., 2s. 9d., 5s., and 9s. 6d. This applies to the unflavoured variety also.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

The King of Portugal has conferred upon Queen Amalia the Grand Cordons of three military orders for works of philanthropy.



Mrs. Broadley Reid presided at a conference of women, called at the invitation of Lady M'Laren, in St. James's Hall, London, on Thursday night in last week, to consider the provisions of the Women's Charter. Lady M'Laren moved a resolution approving the decision of the International Congress of Women's Suffrage Alliances to present in 1910 a comprehensive charter detailing the legal injustices and legislative needs of women, this action being taken to demonstrate the pressing need of granting to women the Parliamentary franchise. Lady M'Laren said that such simultaneous action would have a tremendous effect, and was entirely constitutional. Miss Hessel seconded. The Countess Russell declared that their first duty as women was to stand up for their sex and not for party. The resolution was carried. No doubt Nurses' Registration will be an important plank in this Women's Charter, if it has not by then been granted.

Owing to the representations of the Women's Freedom League the new draft of the Registration of Accountants Bill contains a clause safeguarding women's interests.

Coming Events.

May 24th.—Fever Nurses' Association. Annual General Meeting, Chief Offices, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Victoria Embankment, E.C., 3 p.m. Chair, Dr. E. W. Goodall, President of the Association. Tea at conclusion of Meeting.

May 25th.—The Rural Midwives' Association. The sixth Annual Meeting, 3, Grosvenor Place, S.W., by kind permission of Lady Esther Smith. Certificates will be presented by H.R.H. Princess Alexander of Teck. Chair, Almeric Fitzroy, Esq., C.V.O., 3 p.m.

May 26th.—Society for Training Teachers of the Deaf, and for the Diffusion of the "German" (pure oral) system. Annual Meeting. Sir Melville Beachcroft, Chairman, L.C.C., will preside. 33, Cavendish Square, 3 p.m.

May 27th.—Meeting of Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, Westminster, 2.45 p.m.

May 27th.—Meeting, Executive Committee, Territorial Force Nursing Service for London, Mansion House, 4 p.m.

May 29th.—The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, Annual Meeting, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Chair, Miss Isla Stewart, 4 p.m.

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