

The immediate and after treatment of burns and scalds on modern lines is described in detail, as also the three recognised methods of skin grafting, i.e., Thiersch's method, Reverdin's method, and Woolfe's method.

The application and preparation of various dressings, poultices, etc., are also dealt with. Indeed, the book is what its name implies, a very comprehensive handbook of instructions for dealing with all the minor accidents and ailments so common in the surgeries and outpatient departments of our hospitals. The many excellent illustrations incorporated in the work add to its clearness. The price is 7s. 6d. net, and it has an undoubted sphere of usefulness in connection with nurses' libraries.

"SCIENCE IN MODERN LIFE."

The fourth volume of this work has just been published. It contains surveys on "Botany," by Mr. J. M. F. Drummond, F.L.S.; "Zoology," by the Editor, Mr. Ainsworth Davis; and "Science and the Sea Fisheries," by Dr. Travis Jenkins. In the botanical section several beautifully coloured plates illustrate different species of Fungi and Algae. The work will be completed in the two following volumes, one of which will contain a survey of Physiology, Medicine, Surgery, and Hygiene. The idea of producing this work was a happy one, for all modern life is linked to science. The publishers are The Gresham Publishing Company.

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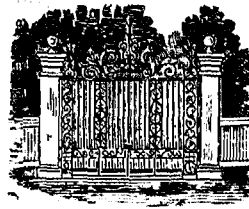
SURGERY OF THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM.

Professor W. Sampson Handley, of the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Research Laboratories, lecturing on the Surgery of the Lymphatic System at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, observed that the subject of his lecture was rather neglected in the field of surgery, and expressed the opinion that cancer surgery is essentially a branch of lymphatic surgery, owing to the fact that the disease mainly spreads by growing along the lymphatic vessels. He gave an account of the favourable results of a method which he had introduced for treating the dropsical or swollen arm, which is a painful and frequent complication of breast cancer. In this operation silk threads, buried in the tissues, are used to replace the lymphatic vessels destroyed by the disease. In this way, unless subsequent effusion in the pleural cavity interferes with drainage, the sufferings of the patient, due to the swelling of the arm, are usually relieved during the rest of the patient's life.

THE "ALLENBURYS" DIET FOR ADULTS.

The "Allenburys" Diet, to the value of which we have much pleasure in calling attention, is a preparation of rich, pure, full-cream milk and whole wheat, and is partially predigested in the process of manufacture. Being easy of assimilation its use ensures complete nutrition where digestion is at fault, where it is desired to assist a normal digestion, or where a weakened economy requires reinforcement, as in elderly people. It is supplied by Messrs. Allen and Hanbury's, Ltd., Plough Court, Lombard Street, E.C.

Outside the Gates.



The appointment by the Board of Trade of eleven ladies to be Supervising Officers of the Women's Department of the Labour Exchanges has given great satisfaction. Their duties will be to supervise, under the divisional officers, the women registration clerks, to get into touch with women's organisations, to canvass employers of women, and to give advice on matters within their province. The ladies appointed, all of whom have had excellent experience fitting them for the work, are:—Miss J. J. Brown, B.A., of the Royal University of Ireland; Miss L. Griffith-Jones, who has supervised the employes of a large drapery house; Miss M. D. Jones, who has made a study of statistics of unemployment; Miss F. I. Knowles, M.A., of Dublin University; Miss M. B. Lewis, M.A., of Dublin University; Miss E. E. Page, member of the Local Education Authority, Norwich; Miss Gertrude E. Rocliffe, Senior Lady Sanitary Inspector, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mrs. E. Ross, Health Visitor for the Corporation of Glasgow; Miss Sanday, who took the degree of B.Sc., with first-class honours in Botany, at London University; Miss E. E. M. Trent, member of the Society of Friends; and Miss L. M. Clapham, member of the Apprenticeship and Skilled Employment Association.

Petitions widely signed by electors in favour of a measure for the enfranchisement of women were presented in the House of Commons last week by Mr. J. Walton (Barnsley), Sir W. J. Crossley (Altrincham), and Mr. T. C. Taylor (Radcliffe, Lancs).

At the eighteenth annual conference of the Independent Labour Party, to be held in London on March 28th and 29th, the Dover Branch will propose the following resolution:—"That this Conference is of the opinion that the time has now arrived when the State maintenance of mothers and children should be made a permanent and integral part of our Socialistic programme."

Miss Helen Blagg, lecturing before the Eugenics Education Society on infant mortality, said that the total prohibition of the employment of married women would be impossible, and would lead to an increase of poverty, but legislation might be improved on the lines of Germany, Switzerland, or Spain. There should be total prohibition of employment for eight weeks before and after child-birth, and facilities for feeding the child would be a great gain.

The Mary Kingsley Medal of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, which is presented to persons distinguished in research in tropical medicine and allied subjects, has been awarded to Professor G. H. F. Nuttall, F.R.S., Professor of Biology in the University of Cambridge.

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