

advocates the use of a Higginson's syringe in administering a nasal douche. The principal points which he emphasises are (1) Warm the fluid, (2) Use no force, (3) Let the head be kept upright, or inclined gently forward. If the head be thrown too much forward or back, the fluid may enter the frontal air sinuses or the Eustachian tubes with bad results. (4) The patient should breathe through the mouth and avoid swallowing or coughing. (5) Syringe through the side which is most obstructed. (6) When first beginning do not use more than half a pint, at subsequent applications more may be employed. (7) Clear away superfluous fluid by *gently* blowing the nose.

#### QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK.

What is dust? How should it be removed?

Rules for competing for this competition will be found on page xii.

### Progress of State Registration.

#### ONE MORE STAR.

*The Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast* reports that the Oregon State Nurses' Association have entered upon a campaign to secure a law governing State Registration of Nurses. State Senator J. K. Locke, a physician from Portland, will introduce the Bill in the Senate. It is hoped very little opposition will be made. The fate of this Bill is awaited with sympathetic interest by nurses in many States. Should it pass another link will be forged in the chain that may one day unite under a national standard of nursing all the States in the Union.

### The Irish Nurses' Association.

Mr. Pearson gave a lecture on Wednesday evening, March 8th, to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association, at their Rooms, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Miss Pate presided, and there was a good attendance of members, who followed the lecturer with the closest attention. The subject was "Some Surgical Conditions of the Brain," and Mr. Pearson very clearly instructed his audience as to the symptoms and signs to be looked for in the different conditions of brain trouble, and what these indicated. He brought a complete set of models of the brain, etc., also an apparatus for testing the pressure of blood, and at the close of his lecture gave a demonstration on how to use this instrument. Many of the nurses had not seen this before, and were greatly interested. Mr. Pearson was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for all the trouble he had taken and the time he had given.

### The Small-pox Epidemic.

It is not always recognised what risks nurses run, and cheerfully take, of contracting infectious diseases, but a case in point is afforded by the present small-pox epidemic, in which out of nearly sixty cases five have been nurses, one of whom, Miss Madeline Jones, has unfortunately succumbed to the disease. Nurses are peculiarly exposed to infection for the reason that they are brought into close contact with patients admitted to a hospital for one disease, who may subsequently develop another. In this way small-pox found an entrance into the Mile End Infirmary and the London Hospital.

### Conference of Q.V.F.J. Superintendents.

A Private Conference of the Association of Queen's Superintendents in the Northern Counties was held in Birmingham last week, on the invitation of the Birmingham and District Nursing Society. It met in the morning at the Imperial Hotel, Mrs. W. Kendrick presiding, and in the afternoon at the Council House. The members of the Conference were subsequently entertained at tea by the Lady Mayoress.

### A Home of Rest.

It will be remembered that the late Miss Hughes bequeathed her beautiful residence, Bryn Menai, on the banks of the Menai Straits near Bangor, with its spacious grounds, to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, together with a substantial endowment, as a home of rest and convalescent home for Queen's Nurses. The trustees have now taken formal possession of the property, and the work of preparing the house for its future purpose will be proceeded with at once. It is hoped to have it ready for occupancy this year.

### Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

Her Excellency Lady Hardinge of Penshurst presided recently at a meeting of the Central Committee of the above Association at Government House, Calcutta. The Annual Report of the Association, to which we made reference last week, and the financial statement, were presented, and adopted as satisfactory.

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