

Antiseptic treatment is indicated; mouth washes are indispensable."

Miss F. Sheppard advocates "a full generous diet containing relatively much albumen; soups (unless there is much dyspepsia, then small quantities), salt in abundance, large quantities of fluid, two or three pints daily, no re-cooked meat or food of any kind, vinegar, or pickles, or similar acids."

Mrs. Phillips states that with anæmic people the heart-beat is weak, the circulation feeble, and for this reason they suffer from cold, and the air they breathe must be warmed. Raw beef, green vegetables, and fruit juices are given, as they contain the iron and other salts in which the body is deficient.

QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK.

"How would you teach probationers to fill and apply (1) hot water bags, (2) ice bags."

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

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Isla Stewart Oration will be delivered in London by Miss Cox-Davies, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, on the evening of Saturday, July 1st. On that day the Summer Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held in the afternoon, so that it is hoped many of the members will arrange to be present at the Oration.

The Cologne Congress Programme.

Miss J. C. van Lanschot Hubrecht asks for an explanation of certain terms used by Miss L. L. Dock in her letter referring to the Cologne Congress Programme, in which, as Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, she asks for information on the Progress of Social Service and Preventive Nursing from the National Councils. Miss Hubrecht is not familiar with the terms "probation officer" and "truant officer," and seeks further information. We believe these terms are applied to officials in connection with Children's Courts, in which the United States of America are leading the way, "truant officer" probably applying specially to the official dealing with school children, who for some reason have absented themselves without leave, and who may or may not be sick.

Progress of State Registration.

STATE REGISTRATION IN VERMONT, TENNESSEE, AND IDAHO.

We heartily congratulate the nurses in the States of Vermont, Tennessee, and Idaho, U.S.A. Their Registration Bills, for which they have been working hard, have been passed by the Legislatures, the Acts signed by the Governors, and have thus become law. This makes twenty-nine American States which have granted legal status to trained nurses in the past eight years!

How different is the treatment of trained nurses in this country! Every Session for eight years our Bill has been introduced into the House of Commons, and has been blocked at the instigation of certain ungenerous employers of nurses, who have, under the cloak of charity, grasped the monopoly of their work and wages, supported unfortunately by a few nursing officials receiving the highest salaries in the profession in England.

However, every Legislature, no matter in what quarter of the globe, which acts justly towards its trained nurses by providing for their systematic education and registration, thus protecting its sick poor, drives a nail into the coffin of philanthropic privilege.

STATE REGISTRATION FOR NURSES.

Miss Louie Croft Boyd, R.N., a graduate of the Colorado Training School for Nurses, and who for four years was a member of the Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners, has done good service by publishing in pamphlet form a summary of the Registration Laws in force in the United States of America, with the registration requirement in each of such States, the penalties for violation of the laws, and the reasons for which certificates of registration may be revoked.

The object of the publication is to "compile a comparative summary of the laws in the United States, governing the registration of nurses, with a bibliography upon the subject, and put it in a shape that will prove serviceable to the nurses in those States yet to seek legal enactments, and be of use as a basis in the gathering of more data to complete the history of the registration movement in the United States." The pamphlet entitled "State Registration for Nurses" is published by W. B. Saunders Co., 9, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., and all interested in the registration movement will find it most instructive and useful. This educational pamphlet should be found in all Nurse Training School Libraries.

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