

from lusty protests, the majority of babies do not think kindly of isotonic plasma treatment. The mothers, however, appeared most grateful for the marked improvement in the condition of their children. The cool weather has already caused an appreciable decrease in the number of attendances of babies suffering from diarrhoea and enteritis. It is thought that work will increase in the treatment of diseases of the skin and other affections, so that before next summer it is very probable that the institution will have to be enlarged. The aim of the managers should be to build a hospital, arranged for the purpose of treatment by isotonic plasma—with wards attached for in-patients.

By the will of Dr. S. J. Gee, late physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a man very greatly respected throughout the profession and beloved by the nurses in his wards, a contingent reversion of £20,000 is left to the Royal College of Physicians for an endowment fund.

This generosity to his profession reminds us of a pleasant little incident during the early days of our matronship at "Barts." It was our pride to have the ward linen in apple-pie order, and with a new sister in one of Dr. Gee's wards we had worked hard to accomplish this. Dr. Gee was never known to give an opinion in a hurry, and one day, before addressing his class, he apparently devoted even more time than usual in diagnosing a case. He stood quietly looking down at a bed, and then, with a little gasp, remarked:

"At last!"

"At last, what, sir?" questioned the house physician.

"Someone has darned that sheet," the observant yet uncomplaining physician replied.

A most brilliant and successful bazaar has been held at Inverness, in support of the Inverness Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. The total drawings for the three days, with donations, amounted to £910. The Scottish people are experts at bazaars.

At the monthly meeting of the Colwyn Bay Council, on Tuesday, 12th inst., it was reported that an assistant nurse—Miss Mellor, of Leek, Staffordshire—had been engaged for the local Isolation Hospital at Bronyhant. Councillor Wm. Davies, having ascertained that Miss Mellor could not speak Welsh, moved that the minute recording the appointment be referred back to the committee. What was harder, he

asked, than to see a child going to a hospital, and not understanding a word of English, and nobody in the hospital understanding a word of Welsh. He thought it was scandalous if children in their native land had to go to a place where they would be as badly off as if they were in Zululand. Councillor B. Jones pointed out that the nurse had been appointed and had arrived. Councillor Davies said the Matron told him that she found the usefulness of a Welsh assistant. Really he felt so strongly on the matter that he could hardly trust himself to speak on it. Dr. Venables Williams, the Medical Officer of Health, explained that no Welsh nurse applied for the post. There was no seconder of Mr. Davies' amendment, which fell through, at which he remarked, "The sooner we expel the lot who do such a trick in their native land the better." National feeling runs so high in the four quarters of the United Kingdom concerning nursing appointments, that to prevent disappointment why not make it plain in each "that no foreigner need apply!"

The Countess of Lonsdale is the President of the Cumberland County Nursing Association, and, with the Earl of Lonsdale, very liberally supports the Whitehaven District Nursing Association. On Thursday, in last week, by invitation of the Countess, the Queen's Nurses of the County and the Nurses of Cumberland were her guests at an "At-home" at Lowther Castle. They were met at the station by the well-known yellow motor cars, and conveyed to the Castle, where they were received by the Countess, the Dowager Countess of Lonsdale and Lady Mabel Howard (the hon. secretary of the County Nursing Association), and Lord Lonsdale were also present. The weather was delightful, and the nurses had a very enjoyable time. Lord Lonsdale was, as usual, very genial and kind in showing them round the gardens and grounds; and they were photographed, in a group, with Lady Lonsdale, as their President. After generous entertainment, they were conveyed back to the railway station by motor cars, and returned home with keen appreciation of the hospitality of their kind host and hostess.

Miss G. Cowlin left England for New York on Saturday last. It has been arranged that she shall be met at the docks by a friend, the recognition to be made by each carrying a copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Quite a happy idea put into practice by Miss Dock, when welcoming the Isla Stewart Scholar to America last fall.

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