

endemic, sporadic cases occurring at all seasons. Sometimes the infection will lie dormant in the soil for a year or more, and then break out as a raging epidemic in places which are insanitary, as when soldiers camp on infected soil and drink polluted water. . . . The infection may also be carried in clothing which has been soiled by cholera excreta or vomit. It is known that cholera rarely attacks properly trained attendants on the sick in a well-regulated hospital, but it may easily be contracted by those who are not careful, and eat with infected hands.

Miss Dods also draws attention to the fact that when the patient is collapsed it is not easy to judge the moment when death occurs, and great skill and experience are necessary. Cases have occurred amongst natives in India in which patients who are not dead have been placed in a mortuary.

The three stages—(1) of profuse evacuations, later of the characteristic rice-water type, (2) of collapse, when the patient becomes cold and clammy and the temperature sinks to 94° or 95°, terminating (3) either in coma and death, or in reaction and recovery—are mentioned by most competitors.

Miss Lett states that as regards herself the nurse must attend to her own health by taking regular meals and sufficient rest, being very careful as to what she eats, avoiding tinned fruits, meats, &c., raw or stale vegetables, pastry, cheese, nuts, or, in fact, any indigestible foods. She must keep her person and clothing in a condition of absolute cleanliness. The hands and forearms must be thoroughly scrubbed and disinfected after attending to the patient, before leaving the room and before partaking of food. Food must on no account be taken in the sick room.

All dusting must be done with a duster wrung out in 1 in 20 carbolic acid and the floor swabbed over with the same.

The nurse must remember herself, and impress on the other members of the household, not to neglect the slightest symptoms of diarrhoea.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Describe the Treatment of Rodent Ulcer.

We are pleased to learn from local sources that much interest has been aroused in the State Registration question, through the recent meeting of the Matrons' Council at Wigan, and it is suggested that meetings should be held to explain the aims of the Bill at Liverpool and Manchester. Perhaps this may be done by-and-by.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held on Saturday, November 30th, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Miss Cox-Davies, President, was in the chair. After the minutes had been read by the Secretary, the President drew attention to the useful work accomplished by the Benevolent Fund for the last two years in making provision for the care of a former Sister of the hospital, and providing her with money for her small needs. She passed away in October, and the League sent flowers and was represented at her funeral. It was, she thought, one of the most helpful things the League had done. She appealed for donations to the fund from all members of the League. If each would give a shilling a year its usefulness might be extended.

The next business was to elect an Hon. Treasurer, in place of Miss Whitley. The President said that the characteristic of Miss Whitley's work had been its thoroughness, and it was this characteristic which had decided her to give it up for the present, as her address would be uncertain for a time. The Executive nominated Mrs. Shuter as her successor, and, on the motion of Miss Waind, seconded by Miss Musson, she was unanimously elected, and accepted office.

Miss Cox-Davies then proposed from the chair a cordial vote of thanks to Miss Whitley for her work. Her long-suffering had, she said; been beyond words. On the motion of Mrs. Wates, the vote was extended to include her sister, to whom the League was also indebted for much assistance, and this was cordially carried.

Miss E. M. Hunter, the fraternal delegate sent by the League to the International Congress of Nurses at Cologne, then gave a most interesting report of the proceedings of that unforgettable week, explaining that, though she might relate what had actually happened, she could not hope to convey to those who were not present the inspiration of the occasion. She had travelled out with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and others, and learnt much about internationalism before she arrived at Cologne. She referred to the excellent organization of the Congress, and to the quiet, effective, personality of Sister Karll, the President, who had been able to inspire the Mayor of Cologne with enthusiasm.

In connection with the Nursing Exhibition, Miss Hunter said that the splints sent by the

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