

and ankles becoming swollen several hours later. The skin is harsh and dry."

Miss Clarkson says that "vomiting is very often the first symptom, the occurrence of which makes an immediate examination of the urine necessary."

Miss Scott lays stress on the necessity for securing a daily evacuation of the bowels—if not naturally, then by means of an aperient, preferably licorice powder $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, or mist. alb. 1 ounce, each morning, or alternately. If uræmia occurs, or retention of substances which ought to be excreted by the kidneys, the symptoms would be more severe, following on to slight delirium and coma, or severe convulsions.

Miss Fairbank notes that there may be slight impairment of vision, and there will probably be twitchings of the muscles of the face and hands; these are sometimes only very slight, but there may be general convulsions.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

What care should a nurse give to engorged breasts?

We regret that by a printer's error, in the Prize Paper, on the care of the mouth and hair, last week the word germs was in one instance substituted for gums. The paragraph should read: "After breakfast the teeth should be cleaned with the toothbrush, using kolynos, as this helps to keep the gums in a more healthy condition."

THE KING EDWARD THE VII ORDER OF NURSES.

We have to heartily congratulate Miss J. C. Child, recently Matron of the Government Hospital, Mohales Hoek, Basutoland, upon her appointment as Superintendent-General of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses for South Africa. The success or otherwise of this new Order will depend very greatly upon the knowledge and capacity of the Superintendent who helps to organize the service, and we feel sure the wide experience in the nursing field in South Africa of Miss Child will be a very valuable asset from the start.

Trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, after coming into touch, as a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, with the inspiration of internationalism, she worked through the Græco-Turkish War, the South African War, and has been Lady Superintendent of the New Somerset Hospital at Cape Town, and the Bulawayo Hospital, and has done pioneer work in

Basutoland. Thus for many years she has been in near personal touch with nursing problems in South Africa, and believes in carrying the very best skilled nursing far afield for the benefit of all races beyond the towns, where alone at present it can be provided, leaving distant and lonely farms and country districts very ill-provided owing to the great cost of travelling. It is therefore hoped to plant comfortable Nurses' Homes within a defined radius; and whilst the nurses are to receive good salaries and comfortable homes, the charges for nursing will vary according to what can be afforded by the patient. It is hoped to engage all the nurses required in South Africa from those who have had experience of the country, and as far as necessary with a knowledge of the Dutch and native languages. In our opinion this is a very wise determination. What good work and remuneration is available should certainly go first to those who, like Miss Child, have borne the heat and burden of the day, and have thus by their skill created the demand for the Order.

We specially congratulate Lady Gladstone and those who with her are helping to organize this living memorial of our late King, that they have selected a woman as Superintendent who has proved herself educatable internationally, who believes in our motto, "No nationality in Nursing," and who has for many years, with very little encouragement, worked steadily in South Africa for nursing unity. Miss Child came all the way from far Basutoland to the Cologne Congress, to bring statistics and greetings from United South Africa. She is the Hon. Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses there, and will now have an opportunity of helping to form that much-needed National Council of South African Nurses, which, let us hope, will be ready to affiliate internationally at San Francisco in 1915.

What a glorious day to welcome together into the Federation the nurses of the splendid Commonwealth of Australia, who have decided to seek affiliation, and the nurses of United South Africa! May we live to see it.

Incidentally, what is immediately needed to start the King Edward VII Order on a sound financial basis is an endowment fund of £100,000.

The Duchess of Connaught has recently handed over upwards of £40,000 to the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada. Here is a fine chance for the millionaires residing in England, and very magnificently so, whose wealth was accumulated in the gorgeous days of South African finance. Let them hand over to Lady Gladstone this little sum of £100,000.

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