

denly in old people. This indicates a weakness of the circulation due to cardiac exhaustion.

Cerebral.—Symptoms are of serious importance (a) delirium or delirium tremens, (b) sleeplessness, (c) twitching of the tendons, (d) persistent hiccough. If the patient sinks down in bed, and efforts at expectoration cease, this indicates that the respiratory centre in the medulla is becoming blunted, and is a sign of extreme danger.

Respiratory.—Symptoms are: dyspnoea, cyanosis, pulsation of veins in the neck may be the sign of impending heart failure (shallow breathing, &c.).

Abdominal.—Symptoms are: persistent vomiting, pain, tympanitis, peritonitis, diarrhoea, and jaundice. The elimination of toxins is procured through the skin, the bowels, and the kidneys. The skin must be kept clean and active, the bowels kept freely moved by means of laxatives, the kidneys helped by liquids.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

What complication is most to be feared in diphtheria? How would you guard against it?

STATE REGISTRATION.

As no serious effort was made to deal with the important question of State Registration at the recent Nursing Conference in London, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick spent three hours each afternoon at the stand of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and helped by Miss Macvitie, Miss H. Hawkins, Miss B. Kent, Miss M. Burr, and others, spoke with some hundreds of nurses on the question, and did a brisk distribution of the Nurses' Registration Bill, now before Parliament. The majority of nurses expressed themselves much in favour of legislation, and all listened to explanations with courtesy and interest. Two nurses from a hospital which shall be nameless, looked at the Bill as if it might bite, but ultimately carried it away under the safe seclusion of the cloak of the more courageous!

Dr. Helen C. Criswell, the chairman of the Californian Committee for the 1915 Congress at San Francisco, writes that they are hard at work in order to submit all possible information to the American Nurses' Association at their annual meeting at Atlantic City, N.J., in June, after which they will be able to send items of interest to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and keep our readers in touch with prospective arrangements.

THE DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN SUPPORT OF STATE REGISTRATION.

In his private room at the House of Commons, on Monday, April 28th, the Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Right Hon. John Burns, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, received an influential Deputation organised by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, who urged that facilities should be given by the Government for the consideration in the House of Commons of the Nurses' Registration Bill.

DR. W. A. CHAPPLE, M.P., introduced the Deputation, which was composed as follows:—

The Right Hon. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P., in charge of the Bill, and the Lady Helen Munro Ferguson.

DELEGATES FROM AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

1. *The British Medical Association.*—Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.C.S., F.R.S.; Dr. Cox, Medical Secretary.

2. *The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.*—Miss L. V. Haughton, Matron Guy's Hospital, London; Miss R. Cox-Davies, Matron Royal Free Hospital, London.

3. *The Royal British Nurses' Association.*—Comyns Berkeley, Esq., M.C. Cantab, Medical Hon. Secretary; Miss E. C. Tawney.

4. *The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.*—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President; Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Secretary.

5. *The Fever Nurses' Association.*—Dr. E. W. Goodall, Past President, Medical Superintendent, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E. (Metropolitan Asylums Board); Dr. Biernacki, Medical Superintendent Plaistow Fever Hospital, E.

6. *The Association for Promoting the Registration of Nurses in Scotland.*—The Right Hon. the Lord Inverclyde, President; Dr. D. J. Mackintosh, M.V.O., Hon. Secretary.

7. *The Scottish Nurses' Association.*—Dr. J. McGregor Robertson, F.F.P.S., F.R.S. Edin., Vice-President; Miss M. Dow, Hon. Treasurer.

8. *The Irish Nurses' Association.*—Miss M. Huxley, President; Miss Alice Reeves, Matron Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, Hon. Secretary Irish Matrons' Association.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.—Miss E. M. Musson, Vice-President, Matron General Hospital, Birmingham; Miss E. C. Barton, Matron Chelsea Poor Law Infirmary.

The National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland.—Miss Agnes Garrett.

DR. W. A. CHAPPLE, M.P.: After introducing the Deputation and enumerating the Societies mentioned above, Dr. Chapple, addressing the

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