

taking the child out of the hot bath, it should be plunged for a second into the cold bath, then artificial respiration should be performed again and the treatment continued until the child has recovered sufficiently to cry, when it may be taken before a fire and Marshall Hall's method performed. A little brandy or whisky may be rubbed on the chest and gums.

If the child is born in blue asphyxia, the cord must not be cut until it has ceased pulsating. While waiting, the mucus should be cleared from the throat, and a few smart slaps on the buttocks may do all that is required.

#### HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors are accorded honourable mention: — Miss Elizabeth Douglas, Miss H. Scott, Miss H. Ashley, Miss B. James, Miss M. Jarvis.

Miss Douglas mentions that if a woman has had syphilis, the placenta may get infected, and endanger the life, or cause the death, of the child. A syphilitic woman should be under a doctor's treatment.

In vertex presentation there may be a long labor owing to a contracted pelvis, and the child may get asphyxiated from excessive pressure.

As soon as a nurse discovers any form of deformed pelvis it is her duty to advise the patient's friends to call in a doctor, as there is danger of tonic contractions setting in from obstruction, and probably causing ruptured uterus; also a face or shoulder presentation may result.

Miss H. Scott writes of possible danger from delay in the second stage of labour, owing to rigidity of vagina and perineum, especially in elderly patients. In such a case a hot sitz bath and hot vaginal douches assist relaxation. If an antiseptic is used, lysol is useful, as it lubricates the passage. Hot fomentations to the perineum are of assistance. Tumour of the rectum is another sign of danger, which may cause total or partial obstruction, and necessitate abdominal section. All obstruction, from whatever cause, is a sign of danger, and medical aid should always be summoned.

#### QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Say what you know about epilepsy and its treatment.

#### WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for State Registration of Nurses acknowledges with thanks the annual subscription of £1 1s. from the League of St. John's House Nurses. A tremendous amount of propaganda can be accomplished with such a generous gift.

## OUR SPECIAL IRISH CONFERENCE NUMBER.

Next week, May 31st, we shall issue a Special Irish Conference Number, in which space will be devoted to Irish nursing affairs, especially to the arrangements for the Nursing Conference and Exhibition to be held in Dublin, which will open with a delightful reunion of delegates and friends in the Royal College of Surgeons on the evening of June 3rd, organized by the Irish Nurses' Association, of which the following ladies compose the Hospitality Committee: Mrs. Dallas Pratt, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. A. Ball, Miss Reeves, Mrs. Richard Dowse, Mrs. Major, Miss Eddison, and Miss Carson-Rae.

The Pageant Procession, which is to be a feature of the reception, is being arranged by Mrs. Webster, Miss Machie, and Miss Patton.

The exhibition will be open from 4th to 6th June, and many interesting nursing handicrafts will be on view in the Mills Hall, Lower Baggot Street, where will also be displayed articles of interest to nurses by well-known Dublin firms, and others which have important trade interests in the Emerald Isle.

The Special Irish Number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will be found on a central stand, No. 14, at the exhibition, together with other literature of a professional nature interesting to the nursing profession and the public.

#### OFFICE BEARERS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, as President of the N.C.N., will be Hon. President, and Miss M. Huxley the President of the Nursing Conference. Upwards of a hundred ladies interested in national health questions, and Matrons of hospitals have accepted the position of Vice-President, and nurses are expected to attend the first Nursing Conference ever held in Ireland from all over the country. We may therefore look forward to well-attended Sessions, and let us hope to bright and enlightening discussions. Nothing can be more dreary than to sit in silence listening to long and prosy papers with no time allowed for their discussion. This is not our idea of a Conference, at which to fulfil its function adequately papers should be short, and original and experienced views put forward, with the aim of giving and receiving all the information possible on a given subject.

#### TICKETS.

All tickets in connection with the Conference and Badges are to be obtained from Miss Carson-Rae, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, where, at the Nurses' Hostel, Rest and Toilet

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