

## The Midwife.

### POST GRADUATE WEEK AT YORK ROAD HOSPITAL.

#### THIRD DAY.

The programme for the third day of the Post Graduate week at York Road Hospital, London, was (1) in the morning a visit to Parkes' Museum in the Buckingham Palace Road, and (2) in the afternoon a lecture by Sister Olive (Miss M. O. Haydon).

In the Guide Book of the Museum it is stated

bed, he described how the water filtered through fine sand, which gradually became coarser till the bottom layer consisted of fairly large stones. So effectual is this method that only one or two per cent of the germs pass through. He assured his hearers that it is quite unnecessary to filter London water any further. It had been ascertained, he said, that the mere storage of water in large tanks tends to destroy the organisms of disease. The washing basins for school children shown were interesting, with their constant water supply and overflow, thus obviating the risk of several



SISTER OLIVE, MISS E. WATKINS, SISTER FRENCH.  
(Matron.)

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that it is not designed as an attractive exhibition, but to serve as a means of teaching sanitary science, and a gathering of nurses such as this would not be complete without sanitation being at least touched upon.

Dr. Louis Parkes began by shortly explaining and demonstrating the advantages of modern drainage as against old-fashioned methods. He next showed the process by which the London water was filtered. He explained the necessity of such filtering in saying that the water was obtained from the Thames, and in its passage from Oxford, Henley, and other places, it became polluted from various sources. Showing a section of the filter

children washing in the same water and thus spreading disease. A drinking fountain designed from which children could drink without a cup commended itself, for the same reason. Dr. Parkes also gave a short description of the bacilli of common diseases. Sister Olive thanked him in the name of the nurses for his kindness in showing the exhibits and for his very interesting and instructive remarks.

In the afternoon the nurses assembled for Sister Olive's lecture in the Hall attached to the Hospital. At the end of the room was a stall, where various things of interest were on sale, such as the midwives bottle for feeding premature infants. Interesting

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