

between the bag and patient's head). The ice will need frequent renewal; directly it is melted it becomes a hot application, and does harm.

Miss Nora Playne says if the nurse should be present at the time the patient appears about to lose consciousness, she must prevent him from falling and lay him gently down. If he falls when alone, there may be some injury. Send at once for the doctor. The chief things to secure are rest and absolute quiet for the patient. If possible it is far better to make up a bed in the same room than to carry him upstairs. Remove his clothes slowly and carefully, taking care of the head. False teeth also should be removed. A firm mattress is best.

HOW WOULD YOU CONTROL TONSILLAR HÆMORRHAGE?

We regret to say that the papers received in connection with the above competition for January 4th do not show sufficient knowledge to merit the award of a prize. One will, therefore, not be awarded this week. We hope in a future issue to refer again to this question.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Describe the chief abnormalities of the pulse.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

From far and wide now the press which deals with nursing is coming to hand, and the splendid success of our Cologne gathering is reported with unstinting praise. The *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette* writes it was "a most gratifying success, and every page of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING actually smells of Cologne." A scent sweet in the nostrils, anyway!

From New Zealand comes *Kai Tiaki*, in which excellent reports appear from Miss Jeannie Sutherland and Mrs. Holgate, the official delegates. Both appear to have been as charmed with the Congress as we were charmed with them. *The Canadian Nurse* has reprinted in full the official report so admirably done by Miss Brey, from THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and both Miss Des Brisay and Miss Colley are spreading the light of internationalism in the great Dominion. *The Australasian Trained Nurses' Journal*, and *Una*, the voice of Victorian nurses, have dealt extensively with the great gathering, and the *Nursing Journal of India* has also devoted much space to the meeting at which the nurses of India affiliated with the International Council of Nurses. In all the hope is expressed that we may meet again in 1915, now the year after next!

TOYS FOR TINIES.

It came to us quite suddenly where we should find the very children most in need of toys on Christmas Eve. We can none of us have watched those little rag-bags, topped by pinched, blue faces, flattening their noses at pastrycooks' windows, or waiting in a queue with old bags for closing time at first-class fish and bakers' shops, without realizing how much abject poverty and thriftlessness there is around the corner in our wonderful West End.

The rain, which had been splashing down, considerably stopped just in time to enable a few of us to fill our baskets with toys and set forth. We went into the best streets near by, and there sure enough we met, chilled and dripping, many little people apparently quite happy, making eyes at mincepies and sugared cakes. Just to see the good things of this world was as near to happiness as they ever hoped to come. Yet who shall say that their craving is all sorrow?

Once we longed for something with insatiable demand.

It was ours.

We have forgotten what it was!

But to return to the children. Our baskets were speedily emptied; but are these waifs and strays very shy, or only apathetic?

We wanted to crack jokes.

We had hoped Peggy Paleface would be pert, but we did not find her so.

She did not seize the gifts with both hands. With great dignity she took what she was given. She did not, as a rule, say "Thank you."

But she hugged the dollies, and that at least was a human sign.

Truth to tell, it was the little "tummies" which were all insistent; they made mouths water and eyes glisten, and prompted bold demands for sweets and pies.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

Nurses are beginning to realize more and more that the care of the acutely sick is only a part of their sphere of action. Educational, preventive, and inspection work also comes within its scope, and one of the latest developments in this country is the appointment of factory nurses, whose work includes a study of the welfare of the workpeople and the conditions under which they work. There is, indeed, no limit to the lines along which social service work may be developed by trained nurses, whose trained, disciplined, and skilled aid is of the greatest value to the community.

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