

Miss Gladys Tatham writes of smallpox: "The disease is infectious till every scale has fallen off. Sixteen days' quarantine is required." Of chicken-pox she says: "The dust from the dry scales is infective, and twenty days' quarantine after exposure to infection is usually required."

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

How is medicine introduced into the circulation?

THE ORGANIZATION OF NURSING IN CANADA.

Miss Mary Ard-Mackenzie, R.N., the President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, had many interesting things to say to the members at the Third Annual Meeting in her Presidential Address, reported in full in *The Canadian Nurse*, which might just as well be addressed to us—the needs of the sick and their nurses are identical.

"When we consider," says Miss Mackenzie, "that this Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses takes into its ranks every Nurse from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the American boundary to the Arctic Circle, no matter whether she be engaged in private nursing, hospital, district or social service work, we are impressed with the great responsibility resting on us. And, too, to make it still broader in its sympathies, it is affiliated with the International Council of Nurses, and so helps complete the ring which encircles the globe. There is much in a broad outlook.

LACK OF VISION.

"In looking over the whole field of hospital and nursing work and nurse training, I believe we cannot honestly say that we are satisfied. Indeed, we all feel that there is something radically wrong with the whole matter, and if we look deeper I believe that we shall find that what is wrong is lack of vision—lack of high ideals—without which we can be of no avail in any enterprise. We must look beyond, and press forward to those ideals and compel attention would we correct what is wrong with our whole hospital and nurse-training systems. And who is to have the vision, who is to hold it, who is to compel it to become real? That, ladies, is your duty and your great privilege. Here we have come together to confer on how the sick and suffering may be best nursed back to health, or have their last hours eased, as much as may be; and greater even than that, on how to prevent much of the sadness, suffer-

ing and disease in the world to-day. These objects should be at the root of everything we wish to bring about, should be the motive power of all our deliberations, would we accomplish what we desire."

Miss Mackenzie made a number of suggestions for future consideration.

"First, Nurses as a body must express themselves, would they fulfil their destiny. There are many people in this day of organization and philanthropic effort who are prone to forget your existence while they tell of your exploits. The only way to prevent that is to speak for yourselves. Keep posted on all the big issues of the day, and find and take your place in them. An organization of all the trained Nurses in Canada bound together as one is a powerful force to reckon with, and may help to win many a battle for a good cause."

Secondly, it was suggested that a Committee be formed to look into the whole matter of nurse training, to report on it, and make suggestions as to improvements.

Thirdly, as an ideal National Organization is one including all nurses, the question of the amalgamation of the Superintendents' Society was discussed.

Fourthly, that District, Public Health nurses and social service workers should be organized nationally.

"Then there are two special lines of work which seem to belong logically to this Association, viz.: Registration, and the Organization of the Nursing Profession. These two matters are of vital importance to the profession in Canada. Registration will not solve all our problems, but it is the first step. . . . I wish to point out that here we need to have vision, to look to the heights. During the year the National Council of Women formed a Standing Committee on Nursing, which was modified at the Convention by forming a standing committee on "Professions for Women," with a sub-committee on Nursing. This committee was asked for in the first instance by the Superintendents' Society. The idea is to have a Convener—who is a nurse, of course—report on all matters pertaining to nursing throughout Canada. All questions affecting our profession should be brought before this committee for information and advice. As, for example, the introducing of midwives into the country. We have still to prove how useful the National Council of Women can be to us as a profession, and how helpful we shall be permitted to be to them. But as a very important body of women we should have a place in the National Council,

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