

Miss Gladys Tatham says:—Drugs may be introduced into the circulation by medicated baths. . . . Radio-therapy in various forms introduces the beneficial action of radium or its emanations into the body. . . . Fresh forms of introducing medicine are constantly being discovered, and the field of research for the scientific chemist appears ever broadening. Delicate combinations of drugs, powerful vaccines, special serums and blood preparations, such as would have astonished the physicians of a century ago, are now in everyday use.

Miss E. M. Streeter suggests the following rules for the giving of medicines:—

1. Give exactly what is ordered.
2. Give strictly up to time.
3. Read the label before and after giving.
4. When pouring, keep the label on the upper side to avoid defacing.
5. Use graduated or marked measure-glasses.
6. While pouring hold the glass on a level with the eye.
7. Shake the bottle well before pouring out.
8. Never mix or give at the same time medicines which change colour or precipitate when put together.
9. Always hand the medicine to the patient yourself.

10. When giving medicine to an unconscious patient place it far back on the tongue.

We should like to add a few more rules:—

1. Understand what you are doing and what you are giving.
2. Keep medicine glasses and instruments for applying remedies sterile as far as possible.
3. Keep all poisonous drugs under lock and key.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Name some germs causing morbid processes in wounds. What are the local symptoms of wound infection?

A LOSS TO THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

Much regret will be felt by members of the Matrons' Council that Miss Mollett, who for over four years has acted as its Hon. Secretary, has notified that she does not propose to offer herself for re-election in January. Miss Mollett, we understand, feels that the position should be held by someone resident in London, and that the duties of the office require more time than she can devote to them. As a member the Council will still count Miss Mollett's many and versatile talents at its service.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.



A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 431, Oxford Street, on Friday, October 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. There was a good attendance of members.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Vice-President, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read

from Miss Musson, Miss Macintyre, Miss Wright, and many others.

Miss Goodrich, President of the International Council of Nurses, wrote very cordially accepting hon. membership of the Council, and accepting with great pleasure the badge sent her.

The application of Miss Cancellor, Matron of the Frimley District Cottage Hospital, for membership, was accepted.

The Chairman then read and explained the details of the revision of the constitution of the National Union of Women Workers as outlined in the report of the special sub-committee—and after a discussion, in which many of those present took part, it was decided that the Secretary be instructed to write to Miss Davies, Matron of the Bradford Royal Infirmary—who will represent the Matrons' Council at the annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland at Hull, on October 8th and 9th, to vote against the holding of a second meeting during the year, to vote for the retention of the present two-thirds majority vote, as against the three-fourths proposed, and for retaining the right of the members of the National Council of Women to summon an emergency meeting—instead of granting that power entirely to the Executive Committee as suggested.

The Secretary then announced that she did not propose to offer herself for re-election at the January meeting, and the proceedings terminated.

Excellent tea was then served, and animated conversation was the order of the day, followed by the reading of a short paper on "The Pre-

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