

presented dealt with a subject very much before the public at the present time, that of Venereal Diseases, of which nurses were very ignorant. Nevertheless, their widespread nature was terrible, and nurses who were well-informed might do much to disseminate knowledge on the subject.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Two important papers were presented in connection with Venereal Disease. The first by Miss A. Louise M'Ilroy, M.D., D.Sc., on "Some Problems in the Treatment of Venereal Disease," and the second on "The Nursing of Venereal Cases," by Miss Wilson, Matron of the Lock Hospital, Glasgow. We print Miss Wilson's paper in full in this issue, on page 154, and hope to publish Dr. M'Ilroy's at an early date.

PUBLIC HEALTH VISITING.

Miss I. M. Catto, of the Sanitary Department, Glasgow, read a very interesting paper on "Public Health Visiting" which, she said, as a career for women was becoming more and more popular. Five years ago the Public Health Authority of Glasgow had nine such visitors, now it had thirty-seven, all specially trained for the work.

Just one story from a paper full of interest. One of the duties of the Health Visitor is to teach the mothers something of food values. In one house where none of the four youngest children could walk the visitor was speaking of the value of porridge. The mother said the children would not take it. She said to a small boy: "You'll take the porridge when mother makes it?" The reply she received was "Her'll no mak it."

Miss Catto emphasised the immense power for good of the Public Health Visitor. She could not be dispensed with if they wished to fight disease, and lower the death rate.

The Chairman having conveyed the gratitude of the meeting to the speakers of the evening, in a few concluding words spoke of the opportunity the last few days had afforded nurses of hearing and learning much of professional interest. They had thanks to give in several quarters, to those who lent the Hall, to the Organizing Secretary, Miss Rennet; to the speakers, and to the members of the Advisory Committee in Glasgow.

The Conference concluded with the passing of a unanimous resolution in favour of State Registration of Nurses which we publish in another column.

SCOTTISH MATRONS ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual meeting of the Scottish Matrons Association was held on February 11th, in the Hall of the Scottish Nursing and Health Exhibition, Glasgow, Miss Gill, R.R.C. (President,) in the chair.

The resignation of Miss Martin, late Lady Superintendent, 10, Melville Street, Edinburgh, was received with regret; and one new member was elected. The Hon. Officers were re-elected for another year. The Hon. Treasurer's report showed the finances to be most satisfactory. Papers to be read at future meetings and the date and place of the summer meeting were discussed.

THE EXHIBITION.

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One of the most attractive stands was that of MESSRS. J. F. MACFARLAN & Co., Manufacturing Chemists, Abbey Hill Chemical Works, Edinburgh, who specialize in anæsthetics as well as antiseptic dressings and appliances. They certainly should know something of antiseptic surgical dressings, for they took up their manufacture in 1871 at the suggestion of Lord Lister. A gauze and absorbent wool new to many is that of a deep orange colour, impregnated with capsicine, embodying the stimulant properties of capsicum fruits with oil of winter green. It is a mild counter irritant, convenient and cleanly in application.

Those who know the excellent qualities of Viyella, supplied by MESSRS. WILLIAM HOLLINS & Co., LTD., Newgate Street, E.C., will not be surprised to know that the whole of the exhibit of this firm was purchased by Messrs. Copland & Lye, of Glasgow.

EUCRYL, LTD., Southwark, S.E., had an imposing show of tooth powder and paste; it is claimed that Eucryl is germ proof, a genuine antiseptic, purifying the mouth, and neutralizing the acidity so destructive to teeth.

Chinosol, an antiseptic and deodorant, supplied by the CHINOSOL HYGIENIC Co., 16, Rood Lane, E.C., has in its favour that it is non-poisonous and non-corrosive, does not injure the hands, and has no odour.

THE DENTAL MANUFACTURING Co., LTD., Alston House, Newman Street, W., were showing a very complete dental equipment for school clinics, for which the demand is of quite recent origin.

BOVRIL and VIROL were both exhibited by the respective firms of those names, of Old Street, E.C. The value of Virol as a flesh former, and of Bovril and Invalid Bovril as highly concentrated foods of high nutritive value is well known to our readers.

KEEN, ROBINSON & Co., LTD., Denmark Street, St. George's-in-the-East, were displaying their many useful preparations—Keen's Mustard, Robinson's "Patent" Barley and Groats, and Colman's Mustard, which have a world-wide reputation.

At the "Shell Stall," MESSRS. A. H. HAMILTON & Co., of Possilpark, Glasgow, had an excellent exhibit, proving that as the "Shell Brand" Floor Polish was the first scientifically prepared polish on the market, it still holds that position. Their weighted brushes have many excellencies.

An interesting exhibit was that of CHARLES ZIMMERMANN & Co., LTD., St. Mary-at-Hill, E.C., more especially Opsonogen, supplied in ampules and used for the treatment of local staphylococcus-infections, such as boils, &c. Lysol, supplied by the same firm, is well-known as a valuable antiseptic.

The labour-saving appliances of MESSRS. GEORGE D. GIBSON & Co., LTD., of 120, Wellington Street, Glasgow, must be seen to be fully appreciated.

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