which was second to none; he pointed out how she had left the impress of her great individuality of character on the whole of this charitable institution, and most especially he commended the high moral standard to which, through her strong personal influence, she had attuned the tone of all departments of which she had control. Her loss, he considered, was irreparable to all, especially the patients. In presenting the address from the domestic staff, his reverence said that it was wonderful in these days, when there was so much talk on the servant question, to find a staff of servants bearing such a testimony to their mistress. Mr. A. W. Irwin, in the absence of Rev. J. S. Wylie, fully endorsed all that the Very Rev. Father Duggan said, and mentioned "that her work was her pleasure, and her pleasure her work, and she had imbued this spirit into her staff." Miss Powell prepared the Hospital for its opening ceremony in March, 1906; and four years after this she resigned; nearly eight years ago the Board unanimously welcomed her back. Only those who have worked in close touch with her, can fully realise what her zeal and energy has done for the Hospital.

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## PRACTICAL POINTS.

#### First Aid.

In the newer parts of the Province of Ontario, says the American Journal of Nursing, in places from fifty to one hundred miles distant from a physician, medical cabinets are placed, containing first aid requisites, with directions which enable medical care to be given for a few days until a doctor can be procured.

## How Typhoid is acquired.

The Bulletin of the Indiana State Board of Health gives much pithy advice. Tell your people, it says, that typhoid fever can only be transmitted by eating or drinking the typhoid bacilli present in the excrement of a typhoid patient, that it is not due to bad drains, swamps, stagnant pools or bad food, but that it is spread by flies, water, milk, typhoid carriers and patients.

# To Prevent Burns.

To prevent all risk of burns, when using hotwater bottles for babies and unconscious patients, it is a good plan to make a cover of Gamgee tissue, enclosing this in the usual washable cover of flannel. This tissue also causes the heat to be retained longer.

Braggs' Charcoal Biscuits supplied by Messrs J. L. Bragg, Ltd., 14, Wigmore Street, W. have been a household word for many years. Some dainty varieties of the products of this firm were to be seen at the nursing exhibition, and indeed it would appear that they have not only a medicinal but anaesthetic value.

# OUTSIDE THE GATES,

# WOMEN.

The cream of the journalistic world appeared to have accepted the invitation of Miss M. F. Billington at the Trocadero last Saturday evening, when as their President she entertained the Society of Women Journalists. It was a very delightful party, indeed: the hostess very stately in a lovely blue gown, with touches of black velvet. her bouquet of Chatenay roses given by special friends harmonising delightfully with her toilet. Many beautiful gowns were worn, and all the company was very gay. The arrangements were novel, informal, and most enjoyable. Facing the little flower-decked stage, round tables to seat four or six persons were arranged, and these were plied all the evening with most delicious refreshments—every sort of tasty sandwich, cakes, and petits fours, iced drinks, and better still, pots of most fragrant tea, ices, and later, iced coffee. The commissariat (always so important) was very well done. Then we had fine music, and sweet singing. Mr. Leon de Sousa, by the kind permission of the Royal Opera Syndicate, gave first "Donna Non Vidi Mai" (Mañon Lescaut) and "I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby," in reply to warm applause. The singing of Miss Coral Peachey was tuneful, like the singing of birds. The Tudor Singers rendered charming madrigals and folk songs. The Lady Maud Warrender delighted the guests with her deep and tender contralto, and Mrs Sarojini Naida recited "In the Bazaar at Hyderabad" and other of her poems. She also sang plaintive Indian songs, so touching and charming. Sweet posies were presented by Miss Billington to the lady artistes. In bidding their hostess goodnight, the members of the S. W. J. agreed that they had never been more graciously received, or more hospitably entertained, and they thoroughly appreciated all the sympathy and kindness expended by her to give them such a happy time.

Under the auspices of the West of England Federation of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, a Camp for Women is to be held near Preston, Weymouth, from May 30th to June 6th, which is to be known as "The West of England Camp for Women." It will comprise a large dining tent, where evening meetings can be held, a library tent and enquiry office, where literature, &c., is sold, a camp kitchen and members' tents. Anyone sympathising with the cause, or desiring to know more of the work may join, but the claims of N.U. Members will be considered first. The number of members encamping will be limited to 80. Application should be made to the Camp Superintendent, Apple Tree Cottage, Kingston, near Taunton. The charge will be 25s. a week for those willing to share a tent, or 35s. for a single tent. Breakfast is at 8 a.m., dinner at 1.0 and supper at 6.45.

A trained nurse will be in the camp.

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