

operative Sister's hands and forearms cleansed with soap and water, the nails particularly cleaned, using a nailbrush which is kept in 1-20 carbolic, disinfected by washing in 1-40 carbolic for a few minutes and then soaked for one minute in a 1-100 solution of biniodide of mercury in spirit diluted four times with sterilized water, and afterwards rinsed in sterilized water. Wear a sterilized overall, mask, and overshoes as for a major operation, and have all instruments, gauze, lint, towels, jars, spools, &c., sterilized. I always have a small tube sterilized for bacteriological specimen, and send it for examination after steeping a fortnight, and thus have the report thereon at the end of the three weeks—the preparation guaranteed aseptic.

(b) When new, and after each use, a gum-elastic catheter must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected thus:—Let a stream of sterilized water run through it in both directions till clean, boil in sterilized water for ten minutes, and keep in sterilized covered glass jar—dry, if not for immediate use, as steeping long in 1-20 carbolic ruins rubber, as much boiling spoils elastic. When needed, warm with hot sterilized water, and have a basin of corrosive sublimate (1 : 1,000), as well as a sterilized lubricant of oil or vaseline, to render the entrance of the instrument as easy as possible.

(c) Silk (supplied in braided threads and a kind of floss silk) is wound on glass plates (not too tightly), boiled in sterile water for at least an hour, and stored in 1-40 carbolic solution or absolute alcohol.

(d) Horsehair is supplied in bundles; the black is preferable to the white. Wipe each hair from thick end downwards with lint dipped in ether until absolutely clean; then put in a bottle of sterile water, and boil for twenty to thirty minutes, and store in a bottle of 1-40 carbolic solution. As horsehair does not stand boiling so well as other suture material, after having been thoroughly cleansed as above described with ether, it can be sterilized in a 1-20 solution of carbolic acid for twenty-four hours before use. Each thread is rinsed in sterile water just before it is used.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

A number of excellent papers were sent in this week; the following competitors are accorded honourable mention:—Miss E. A. Noblett, Miss G. Durose, Miss G. Lawrence, Miss E. E. Hall, Miss I. E. Goodship, Miss E. E. Osborn, Miss H. Ballard, Miss M. Forrest, Mrs. Farthing, Miss A. Phipps, Miss L. E. Hunting, Miss H. Allison, Miss S. Simpson.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

At the Meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses, to be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, January 21st, the following Resolution will be submitted by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President:—

RESOLUTION.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland desires to place on record its ardent sense of gratitude to the sailors and soldiers of the British Empire, for the glorious valour with which they are defending human liberty against barbarism, and its conviction that victory is assured to the arms inspired by moral force. The National Council of Nurses is also deeply sensible of the privilege enjoyed by many of its members in tending the sick and wounded in this sacred struggle, and thus, in helping to restore them to health, giving practical expression to their own patriotism.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

We publish below additional names of members of the nursing profession mentioned by Sir John French in his despatches. To all of these we offer the hearty congratulations of this journal, on the honours accorded them, which we feel sure are merited by their earnest work. It is at the same time quite impossible that all good work should be specially recognised, and in many cases the opportunity of rendering service to our gallant sailors and soldiers must be its own reward.

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN, CHICAGO, AND HARVARD UNITS ATTACHED TO NOS. 22 AND 23 GENERAL HOSPITALS, ETAPLES.

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