

what they can, in reason. It seems almost incredible that approved insurance societies have in many instances penalised people suffering from it. We are glad to note that Dr. Otto May, hon. secretary of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, attended the National Conference of Friendly Societies at Liverpool recently, and in an address to the delegates said there had been a great awakening of public interest on this subject.

The National Council was anxious that approved societies should be willing to give their sick benefits to this class of patient. The delegates voted for a revision of rules in the direction suggested.

This is a hopeful sign.

We do not know why district nurses societies in large towns do not adopt the practical organization of the Jewish Maternity, District Nursing, and Sick Room Helps Society. It was the pioneer in England of home helps—so whilst employing thoroughly trained nurses to nurse, it employs handy women to help the patients in a domestic capacity—and the system has worked admirably. At a recent meeting of the Society in the Jews' Free School, the Chief Rabbi presided, and well-known supporters, amongst them Mrs. L. Model, Mrs. M. A. Spielmann, and Dr. Cursham Corner, were present. The institution has a membership of 4,500 women, whose contributions in 1915 amounted to £1,292, usually paid in penny weekly instalments. An earnest appeal was made for funds in support of the health of children, to provide nurses, infant consultations, and lectures. We hope there was a generous response.

The American Journal of Nursing reports a new departure in American Red Cross work. Mr. Taft, Chairman of the Central Committee, has appointed Miss Clara D. Noyes, Superintendent of Nurses at Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, Chief of the Bureau of Nursing. Miss Jane A. Delano remains Chairman of the National Committee on Nursing Service, and the new department has been organized to relieve her of some of the overpowering work, as no branch of nursing has grown so rapidly or assumed such dimensions in the United States as has the nursing section of the Red Cross, as in recent years a corps of 7,000 of the representative graduate trained nurses have been enrolled for Red Cross service. A large number of smaller groups, consisting of ten nurses each, and known as "Emergency Detachments of Nurses," are also being organized to meet any possible need of the U.S.A. Army and Navy.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Campbell, Alexandra Nurse at the Military Hospital, Berwick, has been presented with a silver medal for her valued services for the last three years. The presentation was made by Lady Wilkie-Dalyell, on behalf of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Lilian Griffin, on the hospital ship *Llandoverly Castle*, on the 5th inst. Miss Griffin had been attached to the Third Western General Hospital, at Cardiff, from the beginning of the War; and was drafted out to service in Malta at the beginning of July, and thence to Salonika. She succumbed to bomb shock and was buried at sea.

COLEMAN'S "NUFOOD."

Mr. W. Coleman (the inventor and founder of Wincarnis) is personally supervising the manufacture of Coleman's "Nufood," which is recommended as a substitute for margarine, butter or potted meat. As each pound of it contains the soluble salts of 1½ lb. of beef, "Nufood" is very nutritious, and is already being widely consumed, as it is tasty and has a very palatable flavour. Spender, Layton & Co., Brundall, Norwich, are the sole proprietors of "Nufood," and will supply a large sample upon receiving six penny stamps.

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COMING EVENTS.

September 28th.—Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses: Meeting Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., 11.30 a.m.; Meeting Central Committee, Council Chamber, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2.30 p.m.

October 2nd.—Lecture on the Hygiene of Pregnancy. Lady Barrett, M.D., M.S., 1, Wimpole Street, W. 5.30 p.m.

October 2nd.—The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. Opening of Special Exhibition—Folk Lore of London. 54a, Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square, W. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

October 3rd.—Nurses' Missionary League, Valdictory Meetings, University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. Morning Session, 10.15 a.m.; Conversation, 2.30 p.m.; Evening Session, 7.30 p.m.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

October 7th.—State method and precautions in giving (a) continuous saline enema; (b) nutritive enema; (c) high enema.

October 14th.—(a) What is meant by counter-irritation? (b) Name the different ways of making counter-irritation.

October 21st.—What is *Materia Medica*? Outline a practical course for nurses.

October 28th.—State what you know of the care of patients suffering from a Cerebral Tumour.

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