

septic before being washed, and linen should remain immersed for twelve hours before being wrung out and sent to the laundry.

(2) The nurse in charge cannot be too careful. After performing any nursing duty, however small, for the patient, she should soak her hands in a bowl of disinfectant of definite strength and then wash them, especially after giving and taking away bed pans and urinals, and emptying them carefully and disinfecting them thoroughly.

Any cloth soiled should be immersed *at once* in disinfectant. After giving vaginal douches and attending to babies' eyes, or to the patient, the nurse should disinfect her hands before touching anything else.

She must care for her hands most scrupulously. Any crack, or the smallest abrasion, must be covered with a rubber glove. [A better plan, and one which in our opinion should invariably be adopted by nurses attending to venereal cases, is that rubber gloves should always be worn.—ED.] The slightest sore must be at once reported to the medical officer.

The nurse should have no meals in the ward or ward kitchen. Before leaving the ward, she should thoroughly disinfect and wash her hands and change overall or apron.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention :—Miss M. Robinson, Miss J. Swift, Miss P. James, Miss M. C. Garrett.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

How are wounds infected? How may infection be avoided or minimized?

PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT.

The figures in regard to venereal diseases in the New Army, recruited from the best element of the young men in Great Britain, prove that already the proportion is 48.5 per thousand. Thus, out of an Army of 5,000,000 men 250,000 are infected with venereal disease. From the point of view of military efficiency this is very serious, but equally so is the ultimate effect on the health of the civil population.

The system adopted in this country is to provide centres where these diseases can be treated. The rational method is to prevent their development. The bacilli causing venereal diseases are now known, and the scientific way of dealing with them in the Army is to provide prophylactic treatment in each camp for men who have exposed themselves to infection. It is the really effective method, inasmuch as prevention is better than cure.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed to duty in Home Hospitals :—

Overcliff Hosp., Westcliff-on-Sea.—Mrs. B. Gillingham.

Maxillo Hosp., Princes Road, Kennington.—Miss Mary E. James.

Red Cross Hosp., Wallasey, Cheshire.—Miss Cicely Smith.

V.A.D. Hosp., Cirencester.—Miss Margaret Garrard.

St. John's Hosp., Sevenoaks.—Miss Blanche Hardbottle.

Town V.A.D. Hosp., Rugby.—Miss Elizabeth Orford.

Town Close Hosp., Newmarket Road, Norwich.—Miss M. K. Burton.

Red Cross Hosp., Wallingham.—Miss Bertha Ellen Hutchinson.

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Holmes Hosp., Sherborne.—Miss Katherine F. Hefferman.

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Beach Hosp., Holyhead.—Miss Eleanor Whitton.

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Red Cross Hospital, Freeford, Lichfield.—Miss Mary Mayers.

Red Cross Hosp., Basingstoke.—Miss Margaret C. Brown.

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