

when you removed the receiver. By this means you avoid all chilling to the abdomen and genitals—it is a rule absolute and must be observed all the time you are on duty—the arms are over one of your thighs, the legs the other, the face free to the air. Now place the second warm Turkish towel all over the infant, and wiping your hands quite dry, proceed to dry the infant. By the plan I have pointed out it is almost done for you, as the water is quickly sopped up by the two towels, more especially the under one. I must digress just to earnestly impress upon my young Nursing readers the importance of the measures we have just discussed. From careless inattention to them infants often catch serious chill after bathing; the cardinal point is to protect the abdomen, the tenderest part of the infant, from cold. You take him from a warm bath, and you must keep him warm. You wipe the infant dry with the top Turkish towel—you can do this without removing it—beginning at the top of the head. Dry the shoulders, back of the neck, and behind the ears, arms, and hands. To do this properly requires a little extra care. Say we shall begin with the infant's right arm; placing our right hand *under* the elbow, we gently place it between a fold of the Turkish towel and wipe it dry, and then opening the palm of the hand put a corner of towel in it, squeeze it dry, the baby always helping us by clutching at the towel on his own responsibility, and doing the work almost by himself. We proceed in the same way with other arm, only we use our *left* for the purpose, remembering always to wipe the hands and arms dry whilst the infant lies *face downwards*. I have seen Nurses waste no end of time in trying to wipe infant's hands like a child's, and not half done them then. The upper extremities done, the back, buttocks and legs are done in succession; to wipe the feet squeeze them in a corner of the towel, much as you did the hands. You can dust a little powder over the back part of the body, and taking a soft diaper towel, quite warm, remove the top Turkish towel, and also the bottom one; turn the baby over on to his back, in the way I have just told you; raise the head in the palm of your left hand, and wipe the top all over with the Turkish towel; take another soft diaper towel and carefully wipe the face, neck, chest and abdomen, under the arm-pits and in the folds of the arms; then the groins, thighs, knees. I always use a soft towel for the front part of the body and genitals; when dried you dust under the axillæ,

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between the groins, and in the flexures of the limbs with the finely-powdered starch, and the first washing and bathing is over. Keep the abdomen and genitals covered over with the soft towel whilst you prepare to dress our little patient, which will form the subject of our next paper.

(To be continued.)

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE Princess Christian was present at a meeting of this Association, presided over by Sir Wm. S. Savory, Bart., on Thursday, the 16th inst., called to consider the action to be taken by the Association in view of certain attacks which had been made upon it by the managers of some Nurse-training Schools and others.

DR. BEDFORD FENWICK said the chief object of the Association was to provide for the Registration of Nurses who produced evidence that they had received systematic training. The Association had been strongly opposed; the Members had been called the "scum of the Nursing profession," who took refuge in this Association to obtain "pseudo-respectability," and in private, Nurses who would have joined the Association had been intimidated from doing so. Lady Bloomfield and her Committee were desirous to transfer their Annuity Fund for Nurses, which had an invested capital of £4,000, to be managed by the Association, but this could not be done unless it was registered under the Companies' Acts. They could not legally receive and administer trust funds, and therefore it was decided to apply for incorporation. The opponents of the Association had done their utmost to prevent Lady Bloomfield's Fund from being received. They had circulated documents to Hospitals throughout the country asking them to condemn the Association unheard. The Registration of Nurses was entirely outside the question. The Register had been compiled, and could be published annually to the end of the world, in spite of all opposition—as it had already been—without the Association being incorporated. The addition of the word "limited" stamped the Association as a business concern in the eye of the law, and no member of the Royal Family could be officially connected with it. The object of the opposition must be either to prevent the Association becoming incorporated at all, and so to pre-

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