

to make and mend bedding and linen, and the average supplies required to stock ward cupboards. She would learn to keep stock and laundry books, and she would, either by instinct or by training, learn to realise the duty of preserving public property, and the duty of economy and efficiency combined. There is a right and a wrong way of handling, cleansing, and using every article of ward equipment. In the Domestic Equipment Department a nurse would be taught the right way. All good housewives love their linen; all good hospital Sisters have this instinct; it should be their pride to keep every article entrusted to their care in as perfect preservation as possible.

We have told the little story of Dr. Gee, one time physician of Barts, a man of keen observation but few words.

Once going his rounds he exclaimed at a bedside "Ah!" and placed his finger on a neat darn in the bed sheet. Then, after a long pause, he added, "Mended at last."

The new Sister purred.

### THE GREAT COVENANT.

The foundation of the League of Nations marks an era of supreme importance in the history of the world, and April 28th, 1919, when the fifth Plenary Session of the Peace Conference, held in the Great Banqueting Hall at the Quai d'Orsay, Paris, embodied its conclusions in concrete form, and the proposal of President Wilson that the Covenant of the League of Nations be adopted was carried.

In a memorable speech President Wilson, presenting the amended League of Nations, said that it was unnecessary to emphasise the capital importance and significance of this great Covenant, and the hopes entertained that it would prove the means whereby the conference of the free nations of the world would maintain justice in international relationships, and peace between the nations.

Some amendments had been put down on the agenda, but ultimately these were withdrawn, and M. Clemenceau, who presided at the Session, then rose and made the brief announcement, pregnant with potential possibilities, that as the amendments have been withdrawn, President Wilson's proposal that the Covenant of the League of Nations be adopted was carried.

The moment was a supreme one for all who took part in the Session.

### HOSPITAL WORLD.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to be President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. This honourable office was held by his father and grandfather. Long may he reign over our senior Royal Hospital!

The Queen has sent a gift of bed linen for the use of the totally disabled service men now obtaining medical treatment and residing with their families as tenants in War Seal Mansions, Fulham.

#### A WELL DESERVED HONOUR.

We offer hearty congratulations to Sir Thomas Jenner Verrall on his Birthday Honour of knighthood, bestowed upon him by the King, in recognition of his great national service as Chairman of the Central Medical War Committee for the past four years. It is recorded that "he has greatly assisted both the Army Council and the Ministry of National Service in obtaining medical officers for the Navy, Army and Air Force." Sir Thomas Verrall is one of the five delegates of the British Medical Association on the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses; and until war work intervened, often presided at its meetings and helped to draft the Bill now before Parliament.

#### KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.

His Majesty the King, Patron of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales President of the Fund, the appointment of His Royal Highness having been recommended by the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, and the Governor of the Bank of England, in accordance with the Act of Parliament.

#### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The seventeenth annual conference and meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held at St Martin's Vestry Hall, 5, St. Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, on Wednesday, May 7th—*Morning* 10-12.30; *Afternoon* 2.30 to 5; *Evening* 7.30-9.30. The subject under consideration during the day will be "The Greatness of our Adventure." At the morning session the Chairman will be Mrs. A. L. Sturge, and the speakers, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Sturge, Miss J. Macfee and the Rev. H. R. I. Sheppard, M.A. Miss A. C. Gibson will speak on "The Nurse in Hospital," and Miss I. M. Hett on "The Nurse in the Home."

In the evening the chairman will be the Bishop of Peterborough, and after the formal business, Miss M. V. Hunter will speak on qualifications for missionary adventure, the Rev. L. J. Lock, Capt., R.A.M.C., on "Adventure into the Unknown," and the chairman "The Greatness of our Adventure." In the afternoon there will be a conversation and reception.

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