

it would do so. The treatment, then, was to get the children's noses clean, and see if they had not ample room to breathe. Only those cases in which there was not room to breathe should be operated on, and no others. Medical men knew that the operation was overdone altogether. It should be insisted on that no operation should be regarded as necessary under any circumstances until there had been a whole-hearted trial of medical treatment.

Children must be taught to blow their noses, and, if necessary, the nose should be washed out with a saline solution containing salt, borax, and bicarbonate of soda.

Colonel Kynaston holds that nasal discharge is usually infectious, that tonsils become swollen because they are the seat of catarrhal influenza and other infections, and that such discharge may become chronic if children convalescent from measles and other diseases in which catarrh occurs are not kept under medical observation until the discharge has ceased. He recommended in such cases the use of an antiseptic inhalation. He also spoke of the value of "Yadil" in certain cases. He strongly urged upon his hearers that the large majority of cases of adenoids and enlarged tonsils can be cured without operation; that a proportion of cases recommended for operation were cured while waiting for it, and attributed the success of operations for adenoids to the fact that the conditions which had caused them were cured previous to the operation.

THE R.B.N.A. "AT HOME" ON JUNE 4TH.

The working members of the R.B.N.A. are arranging to be "At Home" to the members of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund and the Settlement on Saturday, June 4th, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. An excellent tea will be provided at the cost of one shilling for each person, with the exception of the guests of the afternoon, for whose entertainment the working nurses are to make themselves responsible. Those nurses who wish to join in showing hospitality to members of the Profession, now retired from active work, and many of whom were among the pioneer members of their Association, should write to the Secretary enclosing the sum of one shilling. We very much hope that the younger members of the Association will attend in large numbers on the 4th.

We remind the nurses of the dinner party which is to take place on Saturday, the 28th inst., under the auspices of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work.

ISABEL MACDONALD, *Secretary.*

NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen of the Hellenes has notified Mrs. Bedford Fenwick by cablegram, "with sincerest thanks," of the arrival at Athens of the six Sisters of the Registered Nurses' Society; so let us hope by now they are beginning to take a useful part in the care of the sick and wounded in the present war between Greece and Turkey. We record this little "crusade" with pleasure, because our British nurses, who are second to none in practical skill and in the possession of true nursing attributes, have until recently taken the leading part in nursing on the Continent of Europe when needed.

At present, however, the lead throughout distracted Europe is largely in the hands of our American cousins, because the American Red Cross is not only providing most generous financial aid, but has wisely placed the trained nurse in her rightful place in the organisation of its Nursing Department, with one of the most popular leaders—Miss Clara D. Noyes, R.N.—as Director. The report in the *American Journal of Nursing* of the tour of inspection of Miss Noyes and Miss Helen Scott Hay, Chief Nurse of the American Mission to Europe, proves how invaluable such a Nursing Department can be. Yet whilst recognising the forward work of the American Red Cross and its fine *personnel*, we are just that British that we want to keep British nursing in the van of Mission nursing too. This of course we shall never do through the British Red Cross amateur nursing methods, so we must keep our international movement well to the fore.

And this reminds us that on June 5th the corner stone of the American Nurses' Memorial—the Nightingale College of Nursing—to be erected at Bagatelle, Bordeaux, is to be laid by Miss Helen Scott Hay; and in extending to us an urgent request to be present, Miss Hay writes: "Will you be good enough to extend this invitation to any members of your Nursing Organisation and to Miss Breay especially?"

Alas! owing to press of work, including our duties on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales—and as Hon Editor of this Journal—we must deny ourselves the great pleasure it would have been to attend this historic function—when American nurses present to their French colleagues this splendid educational gift—and thus to the French people in the future a succession of the highly trained nurses on

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