

The funniest thing about this case was the reception by Miss M'Grath of a letter from a solicitor (a Simple Simon, indeed) inviting her to pay a visit to the office of his firm so that they might serve a writ on her! Imagine the merriment this ingenuous document aroused. Even the College Council itself could not have failed to appreciate the humour of the situation and join in the joke!

The little green star, the Badge of the N.U.T.N., is known to indicate an excellent standard of training, wherever it may be met, and the motto, "Per Ardua ad Astra," is worthy of the most altruistic of professions.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES. PUBLIC HEALTH.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Public Health Section of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses held on May 27th, 1921, Mrs. K. Atherton Earp gave a very interesting lecture on "Hints on Public Speaking."

Mrs. Earp introduced the subject by explaining the value of voice cultivation, breathing exercises, &c., and showed how these enabled one to make the most of the voice under any circumstance, and how to avoid taking a breath at the wrong moment.

She then recounted a few important points to be remembered:—

Choose simple language.

Keep body and hands still—do not fidget.

Do not use unnatural gestures.

Discard gloves, but always have well-kept hands.

Ascertain beforehand who is your audience.

The subject of the lecture should be familiar to the speaker.

Adhere to the syllabus, when one is used.

Read the lecture several times, so that the words will flow easily.

Keep one good point for the "winding-up," and keep it well in view, in case the attention of your audience flags.

Mrs. Earp's mode of delivery was in itself a valuable lesson in the art of public speaking.

MARGARET CAMPBELL.

A RED CROSS SOCIETY FOR INDIA.

A Red Cross Society, which has been admitted to the League of Red Cross Societies, has been established for India by an Act of the Viceroy's Legislative Council. It is quite independent of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The Society is organized on a provincial basis, for work both in war and peace.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Miss Mary S. Gardner has recently come to France from America as Special Adviser for the American Red Cross in furtherance of its Public Health Nursing Program. Miss Gardner and Miss Helen Scott Hay, Chief Nurse, American Red Cross Commission to Europe, hope to be in London this week, when they will take the opportunity of coming into touch with our nursing affairs. Just in time to pay a visit to the General Nursing Council Headquarters at York Gate!

WOMEN AWAKENING.

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

At the second annual meeting of the above Society held in London on June 6th, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease take immediate steps to apply formally to the Ministry of Health for their sanction, under the Venereal Disease Act, 1917, for the preparation and sale, under the supervision and control of the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease, of the materials for immediate self-disinfection recommended by them."

Lady Askwith said she had received many pathetic letters from women asking her, for the sake of all women, to press for the legalisation of the sale of means of self-disinfection.

Miss Ettie Rout dealt with the prophylactic arrangements in the Army of the Rhine, which, she declared, had entirely broken down. She was quite prepared, she said, to carry on among civilians the work she had done among British soldiers in Germany, and would even undertake, in spite of legal restrictions, to open a shop for the sale of such materials for immediate self-disinfection as the society recommended.

A suggestion that a women's committee should be formed within the society was accepted for consideration at the next ordinary meeting.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND THE TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The Women's Local Government Society is arranging a meeting for women members of local authorities in Greater London on Tuesday, June 14th, at 4.30 p.m., when Mr. Turner, F.R.C.S., Chairman of the Medical Committee, National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, will give an address on "The Place of the Local Authority in Treatment of Venereal Diseases." The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber of the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, by kind permission of the County Council. Miss Bertha Mason, Chairman of the W.L.G.S. Council, will preside, and invitations can be obtained from the Society's Office, 19, Tothill Street, Westminster.

Surgical catgut, of which the supply was formerly almost monopolised by Germany, is now being produced by the London Hospital in quantities which enable it to supply other institutions.

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