

perature at the correct level by using a bath thermometer all the time. To watch the pulse, respiration and general condition, and to at once discontinue the bath if untoward symptoms are manifest. Warm drinks are usually given when the bath is finished and the patient comfortable in bed.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention:—Miss S. F. Rossiter, Miss J. G. Gilchrist, Miss E. Garland, Miss Rachel Dodd, Miss P. Thomson.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Describe the duties of a nurse in preparing a patient for an operation for cataract, and the subsequent nursing care.

NURSING ECHOES.

Lady FitzGerald has again invited any Queen's Nurses who wish for a quiet and restful holiday to Buckland Lodge, near Farringdon, during the month of May. Residence is entirely free and a nurse may go either for the first fortnight in May, or for the second fortnight, and the larger the number who apply the better pleased Lady FitzGerald will be. The place is specially suitable for anyone wishing to rest and the surroundings are delightful. Application should be made to Miss M. Tarver, Buckland Lodge, near Farringdon, Berks, giving for reference the name of the Superintendent of her County Nursing Association or the Superintendent of the Home in which she is working, failing these the General Superintendent of the Queen's Institute.

Now that Lord Derby is Minister for War, he has quickly agreed to a subsidised scheme in support of the Voluntary Aid Detachments, which is calculated to stabilise the position of "V.A.D.s" in connection with the Military Nursing Services—under lay control. Thus, we fear, a thoroughly trained Red Cross Nursing Service, on the American system, professionally controlled, is lost to us for many years to come.

A meeting of the new Central Voluntary Aid Detachment Committee, which has now been reconstituted from the former Central Joint V.A.D., was recently held at the War Office. The Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for War, in welcoming the members, announced that in addition to the grant already made they had received a further sum of £600 towards ex-

penses, made up as follows: From the Admiralty £100, the War Office £400, and from the Air Ministry £100. A finance committee was appointed, composed of the following: Lady Ampthill, Sir James Clark, Colonel Riley, Sir Edward Stewart, Major Reddie, and Mr. McBain (secretary).

As usual, the professional woman is taxed in support of the amateur, who, we may be sure, will enjoy the social prestige so often denied to the professional nurse. When, we wonder, will Services Nurses have the courage to come out and secure Rank, as their American colleagues have done?

Members of the R.N.S. will be glad to know that Sister Cartwright is making progress towards convalescence. She is now staying with an old member of the Society in Oxfordshire, and is out for a walk daily.

We learn that the smoking habit is more prevalent in English hospitals than in any part of the Empire.

It is very strongly objected to in private nursing, but once the habit is contracted it is very difficult to discontinue without affecting the serenity of the temper, as, of course, it is a drug habit, although people are quite unnecessarily indignant if told so.

A Sale of Work will be held in the Out-Patient Department of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, on Wednesday, May 2nd, in aid of the Fund of the Ladies' Linen League. There will be stalls of all descriptions, but the Nursing Staff are holding themselves responsible for the Fancy Stall. There are possibly many past members of the staff who would wish to contribute to this stall. If so, will they kindly send their gifts to the Matron before the end of April.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Leicester District Nursing Association, Mr. C. J. Bond said there must be an increasing future for nursing, for they would never rest until in this country there was a great co-ordinated health service, doing away with all the little local competitions, and getting medical men, nurses, institutions, hospitals, fever hospitals, and asylums all working together with one object, the raising of the standard of the mental and bodily health of the people of this country. The time had come when they in England ought to recognise that it was wrong to be ill if illness were preventible, just as it

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