

Tapes draw the hood closely about the face, and take up any extra fullness at waist and ankle line. The sleeves should be long so that the rubber gloves can easily cover in. The goggles go on first, then suit, mask, gloves, and rubbers. A cloth head mask, with slits for eyes, may be used instead of the gauze and cotton one, in which case it should go on before the suit. The suits cannot be made with any special fit, as they must be large enough to give perfect freedom of movement, and also capacious enough to suit any figure. Heavy, loose-fitting gloves should be provided. At Tehchow we provided the workers with big squares of heavy cloth and rope, which, when ready to take off their plague costumes, they spread on the ground in the sun, put all their clothes in it, rolled it securely, tied it with the rope, and sent it to me at the hospital by trusted messenger. We put these bundles at once into the dressing steriliser, and put them through 15 lb. pressure for an hour twice in succession, then opened and sunned thoroughly. In lieu of a dressing steriliser, one would need to soak these bundles in strong disinfectant, or boil them, and finish with sunning. Masks were usually burned, as they were too soiled after use in the dust and wind to be acceptable, even after sterilising.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, has received from Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, Ltd., a cheque for £7 12s. 10d., the American Royalties on the third and fourth volumes of "A History of Nursing" for the half-year ending January 31st, which, with characteristic generosity, Miss Dock has given to the Council. How much the Council is indebted to her generosity, genius, and altruism is fully known only to a few, for, with the modesty of greatness, her work has been so unostentatiously done that only those who have been in close association with it can form any idea as to its extent, but the Council bears the impress of her unselfish labours on its behalf, and of the wisdom and kindness with which she conducted its negotiations with the nurses of many countries in the first 23 years of its existence.

"The History of American Red Cross Nursing," by Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., assisted by five experts, is a magnificent tribute to American Red Cross Nurses. It has just been sent to the International Library at 431, Oxford Street, W., and shall have our best attention anon.

NURSING ECHOES.

Under the auspices of the Royal Society of St. George (City of London Branch) Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, will give an Address on "Florence Nightingale: a Great Englishwoman," at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield, E.C., on May 12th, at 3 p.m., by permission of the authorities. Major Richard Rigg, T.D., O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman of the Executive Council), will preside. The date is an auspicious one, as it is the birthday of the great lawgiver of our profession, whose influence over nursing is world wide, and who, in her old age (when, indeed, she was too old and feeble to attend the ceremony at the Guildhall, and scarcely able to realise its significance), was made a Freewoman of the City of London, and also received the Order of Merit from His Majesty the King.

We have to thank Miss E. Pell Smith, Leicester, for 10s.; Mrs. Walter Spencer for 5s.; and Miss E. Horton, Scottish Nurses' Club, Glasgow, for 1s., towards preserving Thoroton Church Spire. Don't forget our Sale at 431, Oxford Street, W., on May 26th.

We are always pleased to see a full report by the Matron of the activities of the Nursing Department incorporated in the Annual Report of a hospital. It proves that the Committee of Management appreciates the value of skilled nursing.

Miss H. M. Kendall, Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham, in her report of the Nursing Department for the year 1922, is to be congratulated upon the first-class work accomplished by the nursing staff.

We learn: "While the demands upon the School have increased, the opportunities offered under the Syllabus of Training for Nurses, as laid down by the Nurses' Registration Act, and prepared by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, for a broad general training as a Nurse, have likewise increased, and under the able direction of Miss McCheane, the Tutor Sister, these new facilities are being developed, and will make it possible to give the Pupils of the School a much more extensive and thorough training for the Profession of Nursing than in the past."

All over the country Schools of the standing of the General Hospital, Nottingham, are quite prepared to adopt the Syllabus and deal fairly with their pupils. It makes it, therefore, the more outrageous that after drafting and agree-

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