

of the liquid comes in contact with the patient's eyes, brush the sassafras oil into the roots of hair, cover with a tight-fitting piece of rag, then oil-proof paper; on top of this a Jaconet cap, and finally bandage tightly and leave on twenty-four hours. When removing cap, burn everything possible which has been in close contact with hair, and wash head well with soap and water. Articles not burned should be disinfected before using again.

Thread Worms.—Examination of stools is important to know if condition is improving.

Treatment.—A simple warm enema, 1.09, is first given to wash out the bowel, and an infusion of quassia, freshly made, is injected warm and retained in as long as possible. If the hips are raised by means of a well-protected pillow, this will help the infusion to flow well up the bowel, and better results will be obtained. These injections are given twice a week for several weeks, and white precipitate ointment is smeared round the anus; this kills the eggs which are the source of infection. The child must have a napkin placed on her to prevent her touching the buttocks, and she must be frequently washed with soap and water, otherwise she may reinfect herself from the eggs of the parasites.

After the patient has left hospital, she must have a nourishing diet, well-cooked articles of food, and careful regulation of the bowels by mild aperients, and the stools carefully inspected. The mother should be advised to this effect.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention:—Miss M. Ramsey, S.R.N., Miss A. M. Burns, Miss M. Catherine, Miss P. Thomson.

Miss A. M. Burns writes: "Scabies is acquired by handling objects after infected persons, and the handrails of trams and buses are believed to be a fruitful source of infection. It is one of the parasitic diseases, and is caused by an insect called the *Acarus Scabiei*. The female of the species burrows under the skin, often on the front of the wrists, between the fingers, and in the groin. Her activities cause intense itching. She lays her eggs along the burrow as she goes, and dies at the end. Her track is seen as a dark, dotted line. The eggs mature under the skin and begin to hatch out, and the irritation becomes intense."

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Describe a model theatre for gynaecological operations, and what it should contain.

NURSING ECHOES.

A Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held on October 27th, at the Royal British Nurses' Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., the new President, will occupy the Chair for the first time, and will, we feel sure, be well supported by the members. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on "The International Moral Sense," and there will be tea on the usual generous scale. The Club will soon begin its social activities, which are so much enjoyed for the greater part of the year.

Time and Tide says: "THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING completes with this issue a term of thirty years under the honorary editorship of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and wonders whether another thirty years' work is necessary to achieve self-government in the nursing profession. In congratulating the paper and its editor on their single-hearted work of the past, I would counsel them to forget time and its limitations and to be sure only of victory."

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." It is time the women's organisations stepped off the hedge on the Nursing Question, and used their influence in support of professional self-government for Registered Nurses. So far these societies have done little in support of this fundamental principle.

Time and Tide has expressed sympathy in the past, for which thanks—but, like Oliver Twist, we ask "for more."

We note that the College of Nursing, Ltd., which has established a "Library of Nursing," having obtained a grant from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, claims in *Time and Tide* that it is the first of its kind in this country. Is it not time that this Company ceased to claim precedence to which it is not entitled? Its library may, quite conceivably, serve a useful purpose, but the Company exposes itself to contempt when, as in many other instances, it endeavours to annex credit for the work of pioneer nurses. Many years ago a nursing library, on similar lines, was established by the Royal British Nurses' Association and is still flourishing, while the International Council of Nurses, at 431, Oxford Street, W., has for the last twenty years been collecting professional books and documents, some of which the College Company will never now be able to procure.

Let the College, which came into the field

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