

and can again lead an ordinary life. There is evidence, however, that in certain cases normal health may be maintained with decreasing use of insulin, and the future may show that in some of these a permanent cure may be effected. Insulin is administered at regular intervals, usually once or twice a day by subcutaneous injection; it cannot be given orally because of the destructive effect upon it of the digestive juices. The effect of insulin on a normal person, or of an overdose of insulin on a diabetic, is to produce distressing symptoms and possibly convulsions. Insulin treatment must, therefore, be carefully regulated by reference to quantitative measures of the diet, the sugar in the blood, and the potency of the insulin given."

For all of which reasons it will be seen that although insulin is a potent agent for good in the hands of the medical profession, it would be very dangerous in those of the public.

ANOTHER INTERESTING ADVENTURE.

Another interesting adventure in this up-to-date hospital is an incubator, heated by an ordinary electric lamp, which is placed over the baby, whose head protrudes at one end, something like that of a dog out of a kennel, the advantage being that the infant breathes ordinary air, and that the heat maintained is equable, as the incubator need only be raised when the child is changed. The difficulty is the cost of special nurses, as the temperature must be continually watched.

The Matron is just now experimenting with a "Prem" Feeder—not a scientific term by the way, but accepted by traditional usage in children's hospitals—and also in thermometers of different colours for use in axilla and rectum. From all of which it will be seen that this great House of Healing is in all directions ceaselessly working for the cure and alleviation of suffering.

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H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Belgrave Hospital for Children, has graciously promised to open the "William Shepherd Wing" on February 12th. Purse, containing not less than £10, will be presented to his Royal Highness, who has also consented to accept an album containing names of all new subscribers and donors for the maintenance of the new wing. Particulars obtainable from Secretary, at the Hospital, Clapham Road, S.W.9.

The authorities of the Cheyne Hospital for Children, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W., have hit upon a delightful way of turning an honest penny. It is proposed to hold a historical exhibition of Chelsea china and pottery at Chelsea Town Hall in aid of the funds from May 16th to 26th. The exhibition is to include a representative collection of the work of the Elers, the Chelsea China Manufactory, Wedgwood decorated at Chelsea, William de Morgan, Gwendolen Parnell, Charles Vyse, Harry Parr, and Reginald Wells. Contributions have been promised from several of the leading private collections, including typical and rare examples of the various periods of Chelsea china, sets of the Vauxhall and Ranelagh figures, specimens of Wedgwood's and Bentley's Imperial Russian service, a fine series of De Morgan tiles, vases, and lustre ware, together with the work of the Chelsea potters of to-day. All communications and offers of loans should be addressed to Mr. Reginald Blunt, Hon. Secretary of the Hospital.

The Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, has received a donation of £1,000 from Mr. Alfred Farquhar, Hon. Treasurer of the Hospital, towards the reduction of the debt of £6,000.

NURSING EDUCATION.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION TO THE NURSING STAFF AT THE GENERAL INFIRMARY, LEEDS.

The Annual Prize Distribution at the General Infirmary, Leeds, took place on Friday, January 18th, in the Library of the Medical School. Princess Mary, who had consented to give the prizes was unable to be present, and, in her unavoidable absence, they were distributed by the Archbishop of York, the Chair being taken by Mr. T. L. Taylor, Chairman of the Infirmary Weekly Board.

The Nurse Training School at the General Infirmary, Leeds, is second to none in the Kingdom, and the impressive ceremony of presenting the certificates was of the utmost value in emphasising the nature of the educational course, and appears comparable to the "Graduation Exercises" held in the Nurse-Training Schools in America and Canada, which are so important and memorable an occasion in the career of a nurse.

The Chairman said that the nurses' work throughout the year had been satisfactory, and the marks in the various subjects very high. Nurse Alexandra Stopford Smyth had obtained the highest honours in four different subjects, and three members of the nursing staff had obtained the Diploma in Nursing, a University distinction of which they were all justly proud.

PRIZE LIST.

The following are the prize winners:—

Principles and Practice of Nursing.—First, Elsie Unwin (Honours), and Florence Mawson (Honours); second, Ethel E. Mackay (Honours), and Clara Maw (Honours).

Anatomy and Physiology.—First, Alexandra Stopford Smyth (First-Class Honours); second, Elsie K. Norminton (First-Class Honours).

Medicine.—First, Alexandra Stopford Smyth (First-Class Honours); second, Kathleen Billequez (Honours), and Edith Walton (Honours).

Surgery.—First, Alexandra Stopford Smyth (First-Class Honours); second, Alma Darnton (First-Class Honours).

Gynaecology.—First, Clara Turner (First-Class Honours); second, Dorothy Stubbings (First-Class Honours).

Hygiene.—First, Clara Turner (First-Class Honours); second, Agnes Chalmers (Honours).

Diseases and Management of Infants and Children.—First, Frances M. Wilson (First-Class Honours); second, Rose Blankley (First-Class Honours).

Aural Surgery and Nursing.—First, Frances M. Wilson (Honours) and Madeline Powison (Honours).

Pupil Probationers' (Training School) Class Examinations, October, 1922—October, 1923.—First, Isa Bauchope; second, Eira Jones; third, Ellen Crawley.

Chairman's Prizes for aggregate marks in Anatomy and Physiology, Medicine, and Surgery.—First, Alexandra Stopford Smyth (First-Class Honours in Anatomy, Physiology, Medicine, and Surgery); second, Dorothy Stubbings (First-Class Honours in Anatomy, Physiology, and Medicine; Honours in Surgery); third, Dorothy Gausson (First-Class Honours in Medicine, Honours in Anatomy and Physiology); and Florence Kaye (First-Class Honours in Anatomy and Physiology, Honours in Surgery).

The Eva Moynihan Gold Medal and Prize of £5.—Mabel Stock (First-Class Honours in Anatomy, Physiology, and Gynaecology, Honours in Infant's Diseases and Child Management and in Final Examinations).

Diplomas in Nursing (University of Leeds) were gained by Lucy G. Duff-Grant (with distinction), Marian A. Carr, and Lillie Snowden.

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