

febrile stages he should be put on a fluid diet and given plenty of water to drink. The treatment of the skin condition is most important; baths night and morning are recommended and the toilet of the mouth and eyes should receive special attention. Any complications would be treated as they arise.

Smallpox being a most infectious disease, the control of an epidemic depends first on the isolation in hospital of all affected persons and then the prompt vaccination of all contacts. Disinfection of infected houses and bedding should also be carried out. The safest measure of prevention, however, is vaccination and re-vaccination of all members of the community.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, First Class, upon Miss Nettie May Purdie, A.R.R.C., in recognition of the devoted nursing service rendered by her to the King during his Majesty's illness.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

In the official list of honours conferred by the King on the occasion of his 64th birthday, the medical men and nurses who attended him during his serious illness receive recognition, together with others engaged in nursing, two of whom we regret to note are not Registered Nurses.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

C.B.E. (Civil Division).

GILL, MISS ANNIE WARREN, R.R.C., lately Lady Superintendent of Nurses in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and President of the College of Nursing.

O.B.E. (Civil Division).

GREGORY, MISS ALICE SOPHIA, Hon. Secretary of the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Woolwich.

M.B.E. (Civil Division).

BLACK, MISS CATHERINE, A.R.R.C., Member of the London Hospital Nursing Staff: For services during His Majesty's recent illness.

BRODIE, MISS AGNES YOOL, Matron, East Riding Mental Hospital.

DAVIES, MISS ROSINA, A.R.R.C., Member of the London Hospital Nursing Staff. For services during His Majesty's recent illness.

FOWLER, MISS MINNIE ALICE, County Inspector of Midwives and Superintendent Health Visitor for the Norfolk County Council.

GORDON, MISS ELIZABETH ADAM, A.R.R.C. For nursing services during His Majesty's recent illness.

HAWKES, MISS NESTA MAUDE, Superintendent of the Prudhoe Mental Deficiency Colony.

PURDIE, MISS NETTIE MAY, R.R.C. For nursing services during His Majesty's recent illness.

BEGBIE, MISS CHARYS ELIZABETH, Matron, Lady Grigg Maternity Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya.

NURSING ECHOES.

With the deepest regret and disappointment it is announced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick that she will be unable to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the International Council and Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July.

In September last during her visit to Italy, Mrs. Fenwick absorbed a virulent toxin, and upon her return home was confined to bed for six months suffering acutely.

Mrs. Fenwick is now making a good recovery, but is forbidden by her medical attendants to risk foreign travel, and the great strain entailed by attending and taking an active part in the Congress. As Founder of the International Council of Nurses Mrs. Fenwick was specially anxious to accept the invitation of the Canadian Nurses' Association who are the hostesses at Montreal, and the first of the great Dominions, to entertain the International Council.

Miss Margaret Breay—a Founder Member and Councillor of the International, and Hon. Treasurer of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain—has been nominated to act as Mrs. Fenwick's proxy on the Board of Directors, and at the Meetings of the Grand Council. No one has done more loyal service in helping to build up the International from the day it was founded thirty years ago than Miss Breay, or knows every item of its work and Constitution more intimately.

As Miss Breay was one of the four Official Delegates appointed to attend the International Council Meetings as the representatives of Great Britain, the vacancy will be filled by Miss Emily E. P. MacManus, Matron of Guy's Hospital, who has been officially nominated. Let us hope that no further "casualties" will occur amongst our official Delegates, who are now, Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, College of Nursing; Miss S. Villiers, Vice-President, British College of Nurses, and President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss E. F. Brownsdon, Member School Nurses' Social Union, London County Council; and Miss MacManus, Member of the Hospital Matrons' Association.

Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Breay recently undertook the onerous task of compiling from official documents a history of the International Council of Nurses to appear in the I.C.N., its official organ. Thirty thousand words have brought this absorbing record up to 1909, including the history of its foundation in London in 1899—the Meetings at Buffalo, 1901; Berlin, 1904; Paris, 1907; and London, 1909. In a future issue the history will be brought up to date, including the Meetings at Cogné, 1912; San Francisco, 1915; Copenhagen, 1922 and 1923; Helsingfors, 1925; Geneva, 1927; and Montreal, 1929.

It is an amazing record, and it is to be hoped when complete it will find a niche in every Nurses' Library throughout the world.

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