

endlessly understanding, patient and sympathetic, a tower of strength to balance the weakness they feel in themselves, and upon whom they may lean. Upon occasions, we may also find patients who want the stern, almost tyrannical mother, who is dictatorial, even rough, whose orders they feel forced to obey and whose treatment helps them to feel they are suffering a pleasant martyrdom. The idea of illness is often confused with that of self-punishment, through the medium of *guilt*, so that the patient will believe that some ancient or forgotten sin of childhood is being amply atoned for. This will sometimes even hinder recovery, because it will seem wrong to interfere with the course of expiation or even, perhaps, with the Hand of God, Who punishes with this affliction.

It is essential for the nurse to remember that there are serious reasons why she should hesitate to *practise psychotherapy herself upon the patients she nurses*, as it is better carried out by one who has no personal relations with patients such as she has, and it needs long and intensive study, that even *suggestion* is hedged about with dangers and difficulties, but that three powerful weapons hang in her armoury nevertheless—the *Transference*, *Identification*, and her own *Unconscious Mind*—perhaps the most important of all if she understands it.

#### Books Recommended.

The following books are recommended by Miss Chadwick as useful to those who wish to pursue further the subjects dealt with in her lectures:—

"Man's Unconscious Conflict." Wilfred Lay. Kegan Paul.

"The Technique of Psycho-Analysis." David Forsyth. Kegan Paul.

"A Short History of Medicine." Charles Singer. Oxford University Press.

"The Psychology of Insanity." Bernard Hart. Cambridge University Press.

"Psychopathology of Everyday Life." Sigmund Freud. Fisher Unwin.

"Psychology for Nurses." Mary Chadwick. Heinemann Medical Books.

"Difficulties in Child Development." Mary Chadwick. George Allen and Unwin.

### NURSING QUESTIONS AND THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a meeting at which Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., will preside, to which all nurses (trained and in training) are cordially invited, will be held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Great Portland Street, London, W.1, on Monday, April 29th, at 5 p.m.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Councillor of the British College of Nurses will briefly outline the principal questions affecting nurses which are likely to come up for consideration in the new Parliament, and which, therefore, Registered Nurses should bring before candidates for Parliamentary honours who seek their support in the forthcoming General Election.

Mr. Patrick Spens, O.B.E., K.C., a prospective candidate for South West St. Pancras, will then address the meeting, in this connection.

Nursing is not a party question, and the Meeting is not convened in support of any party in Parliament.

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### NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The attention of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses is directed to the advertisement on page ii of the cover of this issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, stating that an Election of two Fellows and one Member to the Council of the British College of Nurses, to represent Fellows and Members of the College, is about to be held. Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, which may be obtained from the Secretary of the College, on application by post or otherwise, on and after May 1st, 1929.

The appointment is for three years, and the honorarium is £100 per annum, to cover the expenses of the Members of the Council in travelling, &c., and in giving hospitality on behalf of the College. Fellows and Members are asked to study carefully the Table giving the requisite qualifications of the Candidates and Voters.

### KENTUCKY FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE.

The Fordson engineers, who have a camp in the neighbourhood of the Clara Ford centre of the Kentucky Frontier Nursing Service, on the Red Bird River and especially their chief, Mr. S. F. Puckette, have, says its *Quarterly Bulletin*, shown the Service a thousand kindnesses in getting up the new buildings, and they have the backing of a strong group of citizens with Mr. Cicero Feltner as chairman. It isn't possible to imagine a more responsive neighbourhood than this one. In their first six weeks, the nurses had two deliveries and had registered nine more—seven for October. They had given over 1,300 inoculations against typhoid and diphtheria, and were booked at the rate of two schools a week for three weeks ahead, with a guaranteed attendance at each of not less than forty children and adults, and an assured attendance in the larger schools of many more. They had sent several cases eighteen miles over to the nearest doctors at Manchester and a child down to Louisville, and had enrolled and were following a number of babies. When the fathers learned that the midwifery cases had to be registered in advance, they began dropping in on Sundays at 5 a.m. to book their wives. Miss Peacock reports only one Sunday morning's sleep in a month. She wrote: "One old man, whom we never knew or heard of, walked four miles to pay his dollar in case his family should ever need the nurses, and to show us how much he appreciated having them in the district. Wasn't that the most adorable thing you ever heard of?"

In the 53 years of its existence, Smith College, U.S.A., has granted only fifty-seven honorary degrees. The degree of Sc.D. has been given by Smith College to only seven others besides Miss Foley: Ellen Henrietta Richards, Dr. Florence Rena Sabin, Dr. Ellen Gleditch, Mme. Maria Curie, Sir Robert Jones, Florence D. Gilman, and Dr. Alice Hamilton.

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