

for Talipes, and a Blood Transfusion apparatus. She passed to the members drawings she had made of each of these.

Miss H. G. Ballard, Sister-Tutor, St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, N.1, gave an interesting account of the anæsthetics used in the Surgery of to-day, and passed round some of the anæsthetics she had brought to the Meeting.

On Saturday, November 12th, Miss Graham will be "At Home" to members of the Tutorial Group and their friends at her house, 2, Holders Hill Gardens, Hendon, N.W.4, 3 to 6 p.m.

A Meeting of the Tutorial Group will be held, with permission of the Council, at the British College of Nurses at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29th. Miss H. G. Ballard, Sister-Tutor, St. Leonard's Hospital, will read a Paper upon "Drugs and Serum."

The President expressed the opinion that practical demonstrations of nursing appliances were most popular.

The Council agreed to the Meeting being held on November 29th.

The Report was adopted.

#### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary presented a Statement in which she reported the activities of the College.

Donations to the History Section had been received: £2 from Miss Ballard and £1 from Miss Farrant. In hand, £3 6s. 6d.

#### LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—Fine Print of H.R.H. Princess Alice in ball-dress, after Winterhalter. Royal Mementoes.

#### Flowers.

Mrs. M. H. Barker, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss A. Macwilliam, Mrs. Wates (twice), Miss Eburah.

Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.—Theatre tickets.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.—Books: "The Breast-fed Baby in General Practice," by L. G. Housden; "Food, Health, Vitamins," by R. H. A. Plimmer and Violet G. Plimmer; "100 Popular Fallacies," by Charles W. Budden, M.A., M.D., Ch.B.; "General Nursing," a Textbook for the State Examination, by Alan Perry, M.B., M.S., Lond., F.R.C.S., Eng., and Dorothy Harvey, Sister-Tutor, London Hospital; "An Introduction to Social Science for Health Visitors," by Evelyn Wilkins, B.A.Lond.; "Nurses on Horseback"; "Nurses in Baluchistan."

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, November 19th, at 2.15 p.m.

Other business of importance having been transacted, the meeting terminated.

#### FIXTURES.

November 10th.—Class on Administration. Visit to Preliminary Training School and Departments, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E. 2.30 p.m.

November 11th and each Friday up to and including Friday, December 16th. French Classes. 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

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November 19th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 2.15 p.m.

November 29th.—Meeting of the Tutorial Group. Subject on this occasion: "Drugs and Serum." 5.30 p.m.

#### DECEMBER.

December 17th.—Registration Day.

#### FRENCH CLASSES.

To help those who wish to attend the Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Paris and Brussels in July, 1933, arrangements are being made for a Course of twelve French Classes to be held weekly at the British College of Nurses, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on Fridays, beginning November 11th, for six consecutive weeks before Christmas (up to and including December 16th), and the remaining six classes to begin in the New Year.

Fellows and Members who desire to join these Classes are requested to communicate with the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

#### TUTORIAL GROUP.

At the meeting of the Tutorial Group held at the British College of Nurses on October 4th, at 6.30 p.m., a very interesting discussion took place on Modern Surgery.

Miss Le Beau outlined a special arrangement made to fit the ordinary theatre table for the open operation for Congenital Hip, ensuring the most advantageous position throughout the whole operation and the subsequent application of plaster.

A practical apparatus for operation for Talipes securing any desired angle by means of adjustable screws was most enlightening, and the new addition to modern theatres of transmitting anæsthetic from another room to the theatre and so saving space and labour.

A new Blood Transfusion apparatus for transfusing blood with varying degrees of pressure was also interesting.

Miss Ballard outlined modern methods of anæsthesia other than General.

#### Spinal.

*Duracaine*, which has advantages over Cocaine, as it is not toxic to the same degree, and it diffuses gradually into the Cerebro-Spinal Fluid. It allows anæsthesia to act on Intra-Dural Nerve trunks at chosen levels, controlled by patient's position due to presence of Gliadin, which increases viscosity of solution and so causes slow diffusion of anæsthetic and localisation of action.

*Stovaine*, which is largely used with Glucose; the latter being heavy, it is essential that the anæsthetic used be made known to those in charge of the patient, as the posture of the patient must always be that in which the head is above the body or the weight of the Glucose will carry the anæsthetic to the Medulla with fatal results.

#### Intravenous.

*Pernocton* 1 per cent. solution SODIUM SALT OF BUTYL BROMALLYL BARBITURIC ACID.

Prepares for narcosis, but is not an anæsthetic itself but saves 50-80 per cent. Ether dosage. 1 c.c. per minute is given intravenously, the slower the better, and sleep occurs in 3 minutes, so that patient has no knowledge of going to the theatre.

#### Rectal.

Avertin, TRIBOMETHYL ALCOHOL. Given in Goitre, Tetanus, Peritonitis, etc. Dosage according to weight of patient 0.1 gramme per kilo of body weight. When introduced into the rectum its activity is uncontrollable.

In 10-20 minutes patient drowsy, heavy sleep follows for hours.

Deep anæsthesia occurs after 40 minutes.

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