

virulence for another 23 days after leaving the body of its host.

In addition, the fly brings into our homes, diarrhoea, cholera, dysentery, and attacking the eyes, ophthalmia, that affection of the eyes, which mars the beauty and use of innumerable bright eyes in the East. Probably also the germs of tuberculosis find a carrier in the fly—and I personally believe, the fly plays a large part in the transmission of Kala Azar.

Yet this slayer of children, and poisoner of our adults is tolerated. The refuge heaps in which it breeds are permitted to remain uncovered, and unprotected at the cost of innumerable lives every year.

It is not necessary for the fly to sit on our foodstuffs for half an hour or one minute or even half a minute: the mere fact of its alighting on food is sufficient to contaminate it—one fly may carry seven million bacteria and deposit seven million at every meal. We must wage a relentless war against flies. If we see a single fly in the house, we must treat it as we would a scorpion. Flies will only come where there is food. No food, no flies! By no food I mean unprotected food.

We are therefore faced with the problems of first preventing the breeding of flies—secondly, to prevent them gaining access to our foods. The former is largely a question of general sanitation, and is in the hands of the Health Departments of our public bodies. As regards the latter, we can do a great deal in our own homes. We can protect ourselves to a great extent by unremitting care in the storage of our food, in the disposal of scraps, refuse, etc. No food should ever be left uncovered. We can also safeguard ourselves by the care we exercise as to the source of purchase of our foodstuffs, especially sweets. Those places where the shopkeeper has not taken any steps to protect the foodstuffs and sweets exposed for sale should be boycotted.—From *The Nursing Journal of India*.

“An expanding civilisation, such as we are now living in, exacts new and changing responsibilities from nurses.”

William H. Ellis.

NURSING ECHOES.

The bestowal by the King on a selected number of trained Nurses of his “Silver Jubilee Medal,” has given immense pleasure to the recipients. They deeply value this personal Souvenir from His Majesty whom they venerate for his devotion to his people and his unwavering fidelity in the performance of the exacting duties of his exalted office.

A complete list of the nurses who have been honoured by His Majesty with this beautiful gift is not yet available, but amongst them are Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss E. M. Musson, Miss Ruth E. Darbyshire, Miss Helen Dey, Miss MacManus, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss E. L. Macaulay, and, in South Africa, Miss Alexander, Miss J. E. Pritchard and Mrs. Bennie.



MISS EDITH SMITH, A.R.R.C.,
Matron, Westminster Hospital, London.
First President, Westminster Hospital Nurses' League.

On June 26th the Prince of Wales, President of Westminster Hospital laid the Foundation Stone of the Nurses' Home of the new hospital to be erected in St. John's Gardens, Westminster. On arriving at the Page Street entrance to the site His Royal Highness was received by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Westminster, Councillor F. G. Rudler, J.P., and the Mayoress, Viscount Ullswater, P.C., G.C.B., a Vice-President of the Hospital, Edward H. Hoare, Esq., Joint Treasurer, and Kenneth A. Wolfe Barry, Esq., O.B.E., Chairman of the House Committee who then made a number of presenta-

tions to the Prince, including the Matron of the Hospital.

After His Royal Highness had been conducted to the Dais the Chairman read to him an Address of Welcome. He was then invited by Miss Edith Smith, A.R.R.C., Matron of the Hospital, and head of the Nurse Training School to lay the Foundation Stone.

In response to this invitation, and to the Address of Welcome, the Prince said that the laying of the Foundation Stone inaugurated the re-building of Great Britain's first voluntary hospital established in that parish (in 1719). The present building in Broad Sanctuary was out of date and cramped in every department.

It was hoped that the new hospital would be in every

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