

so that there can be no misunderstanding from an official medical point of view with regard to the sad position of the lepers. I will now ask the honoured President to read my report.

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AN eminent Physician, who, we are pleased to learn, is a "constant reader" of this journal, and whose kind words of praise we greatly value, writes :—"In connection with the case you quoted, in your issue of this week, of meddling midwifery, the following case, reported by Dr. BISSETT, in the *Montreal Medical Journal*, would probably interest your readers. I thoroughly agree with all you have said on the subject of the registration of midwives, and unless I miscalculate the general opinion of the Medical Profession, the proposed legislation will never be effected. Lives are endangered now by ignorant midwives, precisely as they are by ignorant nurses. The rational and wise reform should be on the lines of the Royal British Nurses' Association—for which I predict a great success, by the way. Educate the fit, and exclude the unfit ; then one may begin to talk of State recognition of the former. To put the hall-mark of efficiency on the grossly ignorant is, in my judgment, merely to perpetuate, and perhaps intensify the evil." The case is as follows :—

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"On the 21st January, at 8 a.m., I was hurriedly called to attend Mrs. S., æt. 23 years, in her second confinement. On my arrival at the house, six miles distant, I was informed that the patient was dead ; and so it proved to be, for upon entering the room in which she had been confined I found her blanched and lifeless. The midwife in charge, an ignorant old woman, told me that the labour had been normal, but that a "lump" had followed the delivery of the after-birth. Upon questioning her closely I found that the placenta had been somewhat slow in coming away, and that she had made traction upon the cord conjoined with pressure upon the fundus, whereupon the placenta came, followed immediately by the aforesaid "lump." Symptoms of hæmorrhage and shock supervened, followed shortly by death. I examined the body and found that the uterus had been completely inverted and lay between the patient's thighs ; the placenta had been completely detached. There can be very little doubt that the accident was caused by faulty management of the third stage of labour. Traction upon the cord is more or less risky even in skilled hands ; but when performed by the ignorant or incompetent, the results may be disastrous."

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A CORRESPONDENT writes : "We Nurses hear some curious stories told, especially if we are travelling with patients, and I think we might do worse than send some of them to our friend, the Editor of the RECORD. I heard an amusing one at the table d'hôte, yesterday. A lady, who had been undergoing the course at Ems, and who first had her bath and then drank the specified quantity of the water at the spring, gave her friends a rather erroneous impression of the procedure by describing it thus :—"Oh, you see, it is very simple. You have your bath, and then you drink the water."

I SEE that Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY has promised to deliver a lecture upon her Nursing experiences amongst the Cholera patients in Hamburg during the late epidemic, on behalf of The National Health Society, in the Lecture Hall of the Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, on Saturday, October 29th. Sir SPENCER WELLS, Bart., F.R.S., will take the Chair at 3 o'clock, and I doubt not there will be a large and interested audience.

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I AM glad to hear that Miss ELIZABETH WILSON has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Peak Hydropathic and Thermal Establishment at Buxton. On reference to that invaluable book, *The Nursing Directory*, I see that Miss WILSON was at Guy's Hospital—and obtained her Certificate there—from 1882 to 1885, and then worked successively in the Consumption Hospital at Brompton, the Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, a Nursing Home at Primrose Hill, of which she was Matron, then at the Dulwich Infirmary, and finally at private nursing in France. So that Miss WILSON has had a varied and extensive nursing experience which must eminently qualify her for the duties of the post to which she has now been appointed.

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Messrs. BURROUGHS, WELLCOME & Co. have initiated an example which might with much advantage, I think, be followed by all other employers of labour throughout the country. They have republished in pamphlet form the correspondence which took place between the Local Government Board and the Royal College of Physicians—for the information of their employes—as to the precautions to be taken to avoid, or in the absence of medical help to treat, choleraic symptoms.

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I AM glad to hear such good accounts of the Aberdeen District Nursing Association. The first quarterly meeting of the general committee was held last week, Dr. A. Fraser presiding. Miss ARMSTRONG's report for the past three months showed that 46 new cases had been entered on the register, and that many were still under treatment. During the quarter, 732 visits had been paid. It was reported that suitable lodgings had been secured for Miss ARMSTRONG and an assistant Nurse, and that gifts of old linen, nourishing foods and articles of clothing had been received.

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I HAVE to congratulate Sister KATE COLLINS upon being the winner in the 40th Post Card Examination, which had for its subject, "How would you nurse a case of Cholera?" This is not the first time Sister KATE COLLINS has been successful in these examinations.

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