

and were in a more clean condition, gave when similarly treated wholly negative results. This matter of dirty library books is one that health boards cannot afford to neglect, for doubtless many a case of tuberculosis might be prevented by the timely disinfection of such books by the use of formaldehyde.—*Medical Age*.

Head Nurses.

The personality of the head nurses of a hospital, their ideals of life and character and work, will determine to a great extent the atmosphere of the wards and the quality of the work. As the head nurses are, we may reasonably expect pupil nurses to be. If the head nurse is lacking in dignity, with a flippant, careless manner, unduly free in her intercourse with physicians and people, disloyal to hospital authorities and interests, harsh or mechanical in her bearing toward the patients, it is not to be wondered at if the same spirit finds expression in the daily work of the nurses whom she directs. Example is ever more powerful than precept, and personality—that indefinable something, which gives peculiar color and tone to the individual, and stamps his work as peculiarly his own—that is the thing that will tell in the lives of the nurses. A beautiful building, costly furnishings, expensive equipment, a carefully arranged course of study, skilful lectures—these are all desirable, and some of them valuable aids in the training of nurses, but the combined influence of all these is small, compared with the character, the inner life, of the head nurses of a hospital.—*The National Hospital Record*.

A Novel Method of Treating Drunkenness.

Drunkenness, which has of late years developed to an alarming extent in Norway, has caused the authorities of that country to try an original method of curing drunkards of their vice. A foreign exchange gives a brief outline of the method pursued, which is as follows: The drunkard is carefully locked up in a room from which all communication is cut off. He is given for food bread which is soaked in port wine. At first the individual eats his bread with pleasure. A few days suffice to make him thoroughly disgusted with it, and after about eight days of this form of diet he is allowed other food. The disgust acquired by this procedure is as a rule lasting. The very simplicity of this method will commend it as worthy of a trial.—*Medical Age*.

A Fort Worth druggist is in receipt of a curt and haughty note, in an angular feminine hand: "I do not want vasoline but glisserine. Is that plain enough? I persoom you can spell.—*Texas Medical Gazette*.