

vagina. In the absence of iodoform gauze any antiseptic material of similar dimensions may be employed. Such tampons may remain twenty-four or thirty-six hours in position, and may be renewed, with antiseptic douches, whenever required. Arterial bleeding from extensive laceration of the cervix may be promptly checked in this manner.

The value of the iodoform gauze tampon in bleeding from low attachment of the placenta has been clearly shown, and the treatment by this means is an established procedure. There is every reason to urge a similar adoption of the same efficient agent in treating post partum hemorrhage.—*Med. News.*

PLEA FOR NURSES.

At a meeting at the Mansion House, London, to establish a nurse's home, the Lord Mayor said:—

One of the objects this Association contemplates is the founding and maintaining of a convalescent home and holiday homes or houses, and the carrying out of other philanthropic schemes for the benefit of nurses. On this point Mr. Brudenell Carter will address you.

Mr. Brudenell Carter spoke as follows: We have heard, and truly heard, from Mr. Savory and Sir J. Crichton Browne that the skilled nurse is indeed an artist of the very highest order, and, moreover, that she is an artist who puts her life into her work. Few of us who know anything of nursing can have failed to notice instances in which the functions her position requires her to fill have entailed upon the nurse sometimes exhaustion, vital and mental, from loss of rest, sometimes the far greater danger of contracting some form of infectious disease. We feel that a profession which is beset by such peculiar risks as these requires that its members should be provided with especial safeguards against them. One of the first and primary objects of this Association is to establish a home in some suitable position to which the nurses may retire when convalescent after illness; or even, in cases where they require nothing more than a period of rest to recuperate them, and to fit them to return once again to

their duties. We have been told that something of this kind is furnished here and there by various institutions; but I am anxious that this establishment for which I plead should be not an institution but a home, and that its inmates should be free from tutelage, from unnecessary discipline, from irksome confinement, and from galling restrictions, and that they should be free to enjoy and employ their leisure in that manner which may seem best to them, and most likely to conduce to the end that we and they should have in view. It needs no argument of mine to show that the ordinary rates of payment which nurses receive do not enable them to establish, on a basis that would be satisfactory, such an institution as is desirable. The payments they receive would in all probability enable such an institution to be self-supporting when once it was established and fairly set on foot. But we do feel that the public who benefit so greatly by the services of members of this Association, who benefit by their services to the extent of the balance turning between life and death, and who benefit to the extent of giving the convalescent a more speedy restoration to health and a more speedy recovery of power to resume the duties of their profession and calling—we do feel that the public who benefit in this way may with propriety be invited to contribute what is required to set such a Home of Rest on foot. We feel that in this way, as in many other particulars, the conditions under which nurses are placed are no longer adequate to the changed condition of the members who follow that calling. We feel very strongly that this Association is needed in order to place the daily life of a nurse on a basis more suited to her present education and her present efficiency, and to change it, as all arrangements require to be changed from time to time, from conditions which were perhaps suitable enough to what the class was twenty-five years ago. The appeal we make for our Home of Rest is not a very large one. It is calculated that an endowment of £3,000 would suffice to establish all that is at present required—to furnish and equip it, to afford an invested fund, which will provide for the