

it would be an undoubted success.—Sincerely yours, CLARA A. PENNISTON."

LADY CONSTANCE HOWARD has sent me a charming little booklet of some two dozen pages prettily printed, entitled "Consideration for Others." It would be as well if most—if not all—of us learnt the teachings therein by heart, and then acted accordingly at least upon them. It is published by Mr. D. B. Friend, 77, Western Road, Brighton.

THE report of the seventh year's work of the District Nurses for Watford has reached me. From it I gather that "the number of cases nursed during the past year was one hundred and seventy-nine, comprising eighty-three women, fifty-two men, and forty-four children; in almost all cases the sick were visited twice daily (often for weeks together), and the total number of visits by the Nurses has amounted to four thousand three hundred and fifty-two." There is also a balance to the credit of the Association of £18 16s. 10d. This satisfactory report reflects the utmost credit upon everyone concerned.

THE Lambeth Guardian Board appears to be exceedingly careful not to permit its Nurses to indulge in over sociability, if I may judge from the following:—"Nurses Estall and White wrote on behalf of the Nurses and other officers at the Norwood Old Schools, asking the Guardians to allow them to have a social evening once a week during the winter. Mr. Stockbridge said the request was preferred with the full consent of the high officials, but he would suggest that the entertainments should take place once a fortnight. The matter was referred to the Schools Committee for consideration." Mr. Stockbridge seems to be imbued with the idea that a Nurse should not be convivial oftener than twenty-six times a year. Perhaps he is right.

THE Eastern Fever Hospital at Homerton will do well to promptly investigate the following, which the *Evening News and Post* supplies me with:—"A sensation has been caused in Hackney and neighbourhood, owing to certain revelations which have recently been made concerning the dietary scale of the Eastern Fever Hospital at Homerton, as well as the general treatment of the inmates. The allegations were first made in the *Hackney Mercury* by an ex-patient named Simpkin, who bitterly complained of the treatment he had received, and shortly afterwards there was a rush of correspondence from persons who had also been inmates of the Institution. Among other matters it was alleged that the patients were given bread which was nearly black in colour and

sour; butter which had the taste of rank foreign fat, and caused, at times, vomiting; haddock so bad that it raised a stench in the Ward, instead of 'cod, sole, or brill,' which appeared on the scale; meat—nearly always inferior mutton; milk, potatoes, cheese, and nearly every other article of diet systematically bad or improperly cooked. Besides this, it was asserted that the clothing arrangements were in want of drastic reform. Odd shoes and stockings were given out to the 'convalescents,' jackets or shirts buttonless and ragged; while in some cases patients who should be up and taking exercise were compelled to lie in bed because there were no garments to fit them. These statements have been scattered broadcast, and as they have remained practically unanswered the ratepayers are becoming uneasy, and there are ugly insinuations about contractors and contracts. It is admitted that since the letters appeared there has been some improvement at the Hospital, but it is contended that a thorough overhauling is imperatively demanded. With this object the Hackney Guardians have appointed a committee of investigation, while Simpkin has expressed his perfect readiness to prove, if need be on oath, the truth of every charge he has made."

I AM informed by one of the Press agencies that "Up to the present the Nurses have been rather indifferently lodged in apartments in the Hospital at Cairo, and owing to the death of Miss Hughes, one of the Nurses, through typhoid fever caught in the performance of her duties, a generous friend who was interested in her work subscribed a large sum for the erection of a separate building as a Home for the Nurses in a more healthy position. The new Home is to be called the Marian Hughes Home, in memory of Miss Hughes. The Egyptian Government supplemented the gift, and it is hoped the building will be ready for occupation early in 1891."

DR. ABBOTT recently gave utterance to the following statements before the Parents' National Educational Union, Hampstead Branch:—"He liked to see a child philosophically studying a simple toy, and his advice to parents would be to leave children alone in the nursery and out of doors sometimes, and see that the Nurses left them alone. Even the child's failures were useful. Coming to the moral side of childhood, Dr. Abbott insisted upon willing, instantaneous obedience, based upon reverence. The principle could be formed by not commanding too much, and by not interfering in a nagging way with a child's liberty. When he saw a Nurse bullying a child he was angry, but when he saw a Nurse coaxing

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