

the members of other professions do. It has been shown that a fee of five guineas from each nurse would be sufficient to meet those expenses and thus to render the Nursing Council independent of outside help—that is to say, of outside control. It is important not only that nurses and the public should understand that this small sum would be sufficient, but also that the former would be well able to afford such a payment for the great personal benefits and permanent professional advantages which they would obtain as a natural consequence of State Registration, and of the self-government and proper organisation of the Nursing world.

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### Annotations.

#### ANIMAL SUNDAY.

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity will fall this year on July 16th. The Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals trust that the clergy will, on that day, as on many former Animal Sunday occasions, urge the claims of our lower fellow-creatures of God to humane treatment. They gratefully acknowledge that the duty of justice and mercy to animals has been year by year preached from upwards of 2,000 pulpits on Animal Sunday in response to their applications. They also rejoice that this educational and religious effort of the Society has grown into large dimensions since they initiated the Animal Sunday movement forty-two years ago, and in that year were supported by 610 clergymen, whose sermons were preached in as many churches, and by others in 1863 and 1864, and 1865, when the late Very Rev. Dean Stanley preached on the Fourth Sunday after Trinity in Whitehall Chapel, and other clergymen in that year and subsequent years in different places of worship have kindly urged the claims of animals to humane treatment as a duty enjoined on mankind.

Offertory collections are not asked for by the Society, and grants of suitable literature for use in churches is supplied gratis by Mr. John Colam, Secretary, 105, Jermyn Street, London, W.

#### DAY NURSERIES.

For some time past a committee of ladies and gentlemen has been at work with the object of opening day nurseries in different parts of the

metropolis. This committee includes the Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Borthwick, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bouchier, Lady Erroll, Mr. George Lansbury, and Sir J. Batty Tuke, M.P. The first of these institutions was formally opened on Saturday by Lady Kinnoull. The premises consist of a three-storeyed house in a poor district, in Myrtle Street, Hoxton. Mr. George Lansbury presided at the opening ceremony, and said that the nursery was established to assist those who went out to work. It was said that such institutions interfered with home life, but there were thousands of women who could not help themselves, especially widows left with large families of young children. It was intended to take children as young as four weeks old and care for them whilst their mothers were at work. Sir James Batty Tuke, M.P., wrote regretting his inability to attend, and said that there could be no doubt that the evil conditions of child-life were important factors in reducing vitality, and that efforts tending to mitigate such conditions conferred benefit on the community at large. If they desired to improve the national physique, they must begin by having regard to the condition of the children and their mothers. Miss Marion Blake expressed a hope that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to enable the committee to open day nurseries throughout the metropolis. Lady Kinnoull declared the institution open. Mr. Hay, M.P., afterwards observed that not only were such places of use to widows, but also to struggling, hard-working widowers. A small charge would be made to parents. He was of opinion that the nurseries would stimulate parental control.

#### THE AUTOMOBILE TREATMENT.

Many physicians are beginning to look upon automobiling as an excellent aid in the cure of consumption. This is mainly due to the fact that persons riding in motors must do so in the open air, the additional advantage being the exhilaration which goes with it.

Persons suffering from tuberculosis should benefit greatly by sitting on the front seat of an automobile. High speed is not so essential, fifteen miles an hour being ample. In such a journey the fresh air inhaled by the sufferer is very beneficial.

Of course, where the patient is weak, long journeys should not be undertaken, but the distance travelled could be gradually increased as the patient grew stronger.

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