

training school of devoting a lecture in each course to the subject of hot water bottles is to be commended.

Dr. James Kerr, Medical Officer to the London County Council, read a most interesting paper on "The Medical Inspection and Treatment of School Children," at the Conference of the National Union of Teachers, held at Hastings last week. Dismissing the weighing and measuring of every child as pure waste of money, the estimate of mental capacity as impossible and the recording of childish complaints as unnecessary, Dr. Kerr laid down as necessary that every child should have its vision tested regularly, its naso-pharyngeal and aural conditions estimated, and its physical condition as regards anæmia and nutrition watched. Cleanliness and freedom from vermin should be matters for the teacher and the nurse. The real work of the doctor was not continuous cataloguing of comparatively irrelevant things about every child, but a study of conditions of work, of educational method and routine, of premises and apparatus, work which would be amply repaid in saving of repairs and alterations, by increase in school grants, and by gain in efficiency both now and in later life. No expenditure of public money would bring in so ample a return as provision for the care of children's teeth and eyes, which should be regarded not as a charity but as a duty the State owes to its citizens. Ninety per cent. of the children had carious teeth.

In addition to teachers, a nurse is to be provided to look after the children in the new school for mentally and physically defective children erected by the London County Council at Osborn Place, Whitechapel, and opened last week by Mr. Cyril Jackson, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Council. In addition to the ordinary school subjects, the children will be taught cane weaving, brush work, basket making, clay modelling, the manufacture of paper flowers, macramé work, and millinery.

The work of the Queen's Nurses in connection with the Brighton, Hove, and Preston District Nursing Association, under the management of the able Superintendent, Miss A. J. Buckle, has made most phenomenal growth. When the branch was established in 1896, the staff consisted of a Superintendent and two nurses. There are now nineteen, and the need for more is acutely felt. In order to obtain the necessary financial support, a system of house to house collection has been inaugurated. Miss Elsie Wagg, the Hon. Secretary, of 2,

Adelaide Crescent, Hove, and the Superintendent, Miss Buckle, at 5, Marlborough Place, Brighton, will be glad to hear from ladies willing to undertake collecting in the wards still vacant.

The Lewisham Board of Guardians have granted to the Matron of their Infirmary, Miss Henrietta Strick, who has tendered her resignation on the ground of ill-health and permanent bodily infirmity, a superannuation allowance equal to one-fourth of the salary and emoluments received, amounting to £42 17s. 6d. Miss Strick, who was trained at the Leicester Infirmary, was appointed a Staff Nurse at Lewisham in 1896, and after being Sister and Assistant Matron, was appointed Matron in 1904. We regret to learn that Miss Strick's resignation is occasioned by ill-health, and as the work of women generally receives such scant recognition, we are glad that in this instance the Guardians have been liberal in regard to the superannuation allowance awarded to her.

At a meeting of the Derby Board of Guardians, the Special Purposes Committee reported that the Lady Superintendent of the Royal Nursing Institution at Derby had informed them that she calculated at least one-fifth of their district cases were those of people receiving poor-law relief, and that her Board would be willing to undertake all cases notified by the Medical Officers or Relieving Officers, if the Guardians would contribute a sum equivalent to the cost of one nurse, £75 or £80 per annum. The Institution could not for this amount, however, undertake any maternity cases, nor did the district nurses sit up at night with patients. The Committee recommended that such an arrangement should be made for one year; that, with the consent of the Local Government Board, a subscription of £75 be paid to the institution; and that the Guardians ask for direct representation on its board of management. The Guardians adopted the report.

A large amount of business was got through at the annual meeting of the Derbyshire County Nursing Association, when the chair was taken by the President, Lady Frances Gresley, who also moved the adoption of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee. An address was given by Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, who referred to the changes which would follow the regulations which come into force under the Midwives' Act in 1910. Miss Okeover moved a resolution, that a nurse working for an association should not, during

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