

born baby in that basket,' and presently I heard her calling, 'Nurse!' to which I replied 'Yes,' and then the child said, 'Give me a born baby, please.' I was so sorry, but speech failed me for the moment, and I could only smile at such a very quaint request.

"Before closing, I must relate a very amusing conversation which took place on the outside of a London omnibus only the other day. The driver, by some means, discovered that the nurse sitting on the front seat of the 'bus was from Queen Charlotte's, and he began at once to tell her that some time ago his wife was a patient in that hospital, and he said, in a most serious voice, that his wife had been very ill, and would most probably have died only the doctor injected "seccotine" (strychnine) which saved her life.

"I have not yet tested the excellent qualities of seccotine, but I believe it is a very powerful glue, and one cannot be surprised that the patient stuck firmly to the earth."

The difficulty of getting a pet dog well nursed when ill unless taken charge of by a veterinary surgeon is often great, and to meet this need the Canine Nurses' Institute has been established by Mrs. Lenty Collins at 45, Barrington Road, Brixton, with every hope of success, where pupils are trained in the care and nursing of sick dogs, for which a small fee is charged to cover the expense of teaching by a veterinary surgeon. In addition to purely nursing duties, the pupils learn the proper care of dogs' coats, the best way of showing them, and all the ordinary duties of a kennel maid. The nurses trained by the Institute wear a neat uniform and a white badge on which the letters "C.N.I." are embroidered in red. The charge for their services is 25s. a week, with board, lodging, and travelling expenses. Kennel maids receive about 12s. 6d. a week.

Amongst the regulations of the Institute for its nurses are the following:—

The nurse shall faithfully attend and minister to the sick animal, behaving herself with tact, gentleness, and discretion. She shall report any symptoms she may observe to the veterinary attendant, and shall carry out his directions to the best of her ability. She shall abstain from expressing an opinion upon diagnosis or treatment as beyond the province of a nurse, referring inquiries upon such subjects to the veterinary in charge of the case.

She shall not divulge any facts which may come to her knowledge with reference to the private affairs of the animals' owners.

The nurse's food shall be plain and good, and her meals served separately.

The work, which must be of exceptional interest to dog lovers, appears likely to afford a remunerative opening for women workers.

It is reported to the Education Committee

of the L.C.C. that at present there are 32 nurses dealing with 960 elementary schools, which have 695,000 children in attendance, or an average of 30 schools with 21,750 children to each nurse. In some districts the nurses have about 20 schools each, while in other districts they have as many as 40 each. In districts where the nurse has 20 schools, regular visiting can only take place once a month, and in other districts this can only take place once in seven weeks.

The Council are of opinion that five additional nurses should be appointed immediately to relieve the pressure in the elementary schools and to deal with the secondary schools.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association opened the winter's Social Meetings at the Club Room, Belfast, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. These gatherings are held from 6.30 to 10 p.m. to allow of a succession of nurses being present, as they are off duty, and to make the meetings more pleasant each member may bring a friend.

Mr. Stephen Perry, J. P., the hon. treasurer of the North Infirmary at Cork, reports that the Sisters cheerfully support and carry out the efforts of the Finance Committee in its supervision of expenditure, and that their Mother Provincial has recently concluded a short visit, and expressed her high appreciation of the internal condition of the infirmary, and desired him to thank the Committee of Management for their many kindnesses to the community.

Lord and Lady Guthrie entertained last week at Swanston Cottage a large party of nurses from the Edinburgh hospitals. Among the guests were Miss Milligan, of Chalmers Hospital; Miss Cowper, of Queen Victoria's Institute; Miss Edwards, Royal Maternity Hospital; and Miss Marr, Longmore Hospital. A pleasant afternoon was spent in the beautiful garden and cottage replete with the memories of Robert Louis Stevenson. The party was conveyed in motor cars lent by Messrs. Findlay B. Anderson, Fairbairn, Inman, Lamb, Law, Bruce Lindsay, M'Hutchen, Paxton, Robinson, Sleight, Sanderson, Dr. Stewart, and Dr. Veitch, and thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

In spite of tariff laws, Canadian girls are still warmly welcomed as probationers in the training schools of the United States, although the multiplication of Canadian hospitals has caused a shortage in the supply.

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