

tion of the interest likely to be aroused by this method. Medical women, who will lecture in connection with the caravan are Dr. Lydia Leney, Dr. Mary Dowie, Dr. Flora Murray, Dr. Prudence Gaffikin, Dr. Annie Gowdy, Dr. Christine Morell, Dr. Grace Mackinnon, Dr. Coghill Hawkes, and Dr. May Thorne.

The principal ceremony took place outside the caravan, when Muriel, Viscountess Helmsley christened it in pure milk, giving it the name of the "Florence Nightingale." She enlarged upon the good work already done by the "Aurora," and said that the London County Council had given permission for a caravan to visit Finsbury, Battersea, and Victoria, Parks, and it was hoped shortly to send a third van to do this work. The cinematograph display given would be the first sanctioned in the London parks.

The Pudding Lady.

"The Pudding Lady," published for the St. Pancras School for Mothers, 37, Chalfont Street, Euston Road, N.W., price 6d., is an interesting account of a new departure in social work by Miss Bibby (Sanitary Inspector), Miss Colles (late Lady Superintendent of the School), Miss E. Petty, and Dr. Sykes, Medical Officer of Health for the Borough. Experience is the best teacher, and in the work of the School for Mothers it was found that though the cookery lessons were carefully given, and the attendances and interest of the women satisfactory, yet few were putting into actual practice the lessons received, and that they were regarded merely as a form of recreation. Miss Petty therefore made the experiment of going into the homes of the pupils and giving practical lessons to the mothers of making puddings and other simple dishes in the surroundings and with appliances which the housewife has at her command in her own home. The name "pudding lady" was bestowed upon Miss Petty by the children of her pupils. The results of the work have so far been most gratifying, "dormant intelligence has been awakened and atrophied powers called into use; a new interest has been given to the everyday affairs of life and a new importance to household duties."

The London Medical Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, S.W., which is in progress this week, remaining open until Friday evening, October 7th, is always an interesting event. Although intended primarily for the medical profession, nurses also will find much that is instructive to them in their work.

The Colonial Nursing Association

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Colonial Nursing Association shows that this Society, founded in 1896 because a woman (Mrs., now Lady, Piggott) found the dire necessity for nurses in connection with the British Community in Mauritius, is doing excellent work in all parts of the world, and that during the past year that work has been still further developed. This development has included the selection of a Nurse-Matron for the Tai Koo Hospital, Hong Kong, recently built and equipped by one of the leading firms in the East for the benefit of their employees. Additional nurses have also been supplied for private employment in Ceylon, Shanghai, and with the Madrid Nursing Association. On the Government side new appointments have been occasioned by the opening of the Lady Ridgway Block attached to the Lady Havelock Hospital, Colombo, and by the building of the new hospital at Warri, in Southern Nigeria. A Matron has been appointed to the Government Hospital at Nairobi, East Africa; and additions to the Nursing Staff have been made in the Nikosia Hospital, Cyprus; the Colonial Hospital, Sierra Leone; and the General Hospital, Nassau, Bahamas. The Association has also recently, at the request of the Foreign Office, supplied a nurse for work in the Protectorate of Zanzibar.

The total number of nurses at work during the last eleven months (the period covered by the report) has been 220, of whom 69 have been employed as private nurses and 151 by Government. This is an increase of 11 on last year.

The reports received by the Association concerning the nurses' work are very gratifying. With hardly an exception the record is one of good and efficient service, devotion to duty, and a commendable adaptability to local conditions.

An interesting function took place during the year at the General Hospital, Kandy, Ceylon, when two beds and six cots were formally presented on behalf of the Planters' Association, and Kandyan Ladies, to the maternity ward. Five of the latter, with two chiefs, attended the ceremony.

At the Colonial Hospital, Sierra Leone, eight native women are being trained, and in St. Vincent six nurses receive their midwifery training in the course of the year, a very satisfactory piece of work, as midwives are much needed in the remote districts and outlying islands.

Lord Ampthill, whose interest in nursing is well known, is President of the Association.

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