

mite retches and retches again, while Sister gently forces the clenched jaw open. 'Sister, his mother has called!' says the nurse. 'Tell her he hasn't come round yet, but is doing well. She may come again later.' And Sister parts the little white teeth once more.

'Dive me a little sip of water!' 'But it'll make you ill again, old chap!' 'Oh, Twenty! do ask Sister, I am so firsty!' 'Don't go. I likes you to hold my head! Oh, my froat's hurting me so!' I hold his straining head. 'Just one little drop of water; I am oh, so firsty.' The dry tongue runs over the dry lips, and he drinks greedily. 'Fank you ever so, Nurse!' Sister stands beside. 'Poor little chap,' she says, and the love and tenderness that rang in those three words will be a viséd passport to the feet of the All Compassionate."

A meeting likely to be of special interest to nurses is being arranged under the auspices of the Women's Union of the Church of England Temperance Society, and is to be held on May 10th, at 3 p.m. in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W. The speakers will be Sir Victor Horsley, F.P.S., and the Rev. E. F. Russell, Chaplain of the Guild of St. Barnabas.

The nurses of the Brixton Nursing Association are the fortunate participators in the generous gift which has been made to the Association. Lady Tate has purchased premises on Tulse Hill at a cost of £10,000 and given them to the Association for their headquarters as a memorial to her late husband. Money can scarcely be better expended than in promoting the efficiency of district nursing associations and the comfort of those nurses who work under strenuous conditions.

Miss Agnes Young, who has been for many years a nurse at the Ayr District Asylum, has this year been awarded one of the two "Morrison's Prizes" annually given by the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, for long and meritorious attendance on the insane.

The value of the hygienic work amongst school children, in which nurses have taken such a prominent part, is described in an article on "The Sphere of the Home and the School" by Katharine Thicknesse, which appears in the April number of the *Charity Organisation Review*. The writer says:—"It is interesting to notice that while public sentiment has led people to regard feeding as scarcely a part of the parents' duty, their responsibility for cleanliness has been assumed without question, and the action taken in recent

years has produced results which deserve attention. Many agencies have been at work to secure cleanliness and freedom from slight infectious troubles among school children. The teachers are untiring in their zeal and trouble; the Children's Country Holiday Fund has raised a standard necessary at any rate for holidays; the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has done much in cases of gross carelessness; the Public Health Department has dealt with the spread of infection with increasing effect, and the regular attendance of nurses in the schools has been of much service. But it is remarkable that all authorities which deal with this question put the responsibility on the parents. Notice is sent to the homes, visits are paid by the nurses, and even prosecution may follow if the necessary means are not taken by the mothers.

"The extraordinary improvement which has taken place certainly suggests that really effective reform can only be carried out by the parents themselves, and that the educational effects of this method are far-reaching. In one school of the 'slum' type a most remarkable change has taken place in this respect. Three years ago the absences due to infection in the course of the year were 3,000; for the past year they were 300. No doubt this was largely due to the very serious outbreaks of infectious diseases in the previous year and the comparative freedom from epidemic of 1905. But examination of the record shows that the actual change has been most marked in the various forms of skin trouble due to dirt and carelessness. Three years ago there was a constant stream of children suffering in this way. Recently the number of children needing attention after the nurses' inspection has been under half-a-dozen." It is not easy to estimate the good attained by work of this kind, comfort and better health for the children, the adoption of a higher standard of cleanliness by the community as a whole.

Dealing with the nursing question in France a contemporary says:—"France is suffering just now from a dearth of good nurses, due to the recent legislation, owing to which so many Sisterhoods have left the country. Non-religious nurses are as a rule drawn from a lower class in France than in England, and in order to elevate the status of the profession, a new training school for private nurses (Maison Educatrice des Infirmières Privées) has been opened in Paris. The lectures and classes for theoretical instruction are held at the school, while the practical training is given

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