

Gordon, of 152, Harley Street, to be an Inspector of Prisons and an Assistant Inspector of State and Certified Inebriate Reformatories.

An interesting Conference on Employment for Educated Women will take place at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Thursday and Friday, April 2nd and 3rd. On the first day the Countess of Dudley will preside, and on the second the Countess of Bective. The afternoon meetings on each day will be at 3 p.m., and at an evening meeting on the second day, when Sir John Cockburn, M.D., K.C.M.G., will preside, Mrs. S. A. Barnett will speak on "Communal Kitchens," and Miss Helen Smith on "Teaching in Trade Schools." Admission is free, but some reserved seats will be available at 1s. each. Application for these should be made at once at the Central Bureau for the Employment of Women, 9, Southampton Street, Holborn.

A deputation of women one day last week proceeded to the Lower House of the Hungarian Diet to lay before the President of the House and the Minister of the Interior their request that the forthcoming reform of the electoral law should include the grant of suffrage to women.

#### COMING EVENTS.

March 23rd.—Opening of National Conference on Infantile Mortality: Reception of delegates, 8 p.m.; Presidential Address by the Right Hon. John Burns, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, 9 p.m., Caxton Hall, Westminster.

March 23rd.—Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich. Lectures to Nurses. Physiology. By Dr. Bligh Wall; 8 p.m.

March 24th.—Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho. Lecture to Nurses on "Nasal Operations," by Mr. Macleod Yearsley, F.R.C.S., at 4.30 p.m.

March 24th.—Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. Lecture by Dr. T. N. Kelynaek, on "Defective Infants." 5 p.m.

March 25th.—Post Graduate Lectures. Gynecology II., "Anomalies of Menstruation, with special reference to early symptoms of Cancer of the Uterus." Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 p.m. Nurses cordially invited.

March 26th.—Annual General Meeting of the North London or University College Hospital. 4 p.m.

March 27th.—Women's Union for Social Service. "At Home" at the People's Hall, Chalton Street, Euston Road, when "The School for Mothers" will be on view. 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

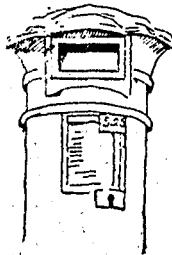
#### A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Health is essentially and fundamentally the harmonic relation existing between the personal life and the universal life; the undisturbed flow of the life-stream from point of cause to point of effect in the moral, mental, and physical unfoldment of an individual.

—DR. AXEL EMILE GIBSON.  
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## Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

#### PROHIBITIVE SALARIES FOR MIDWIVES.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—The suggestion that the ladies who consider £70 to £90 a year an exorbitant income for a midwife should accompany her for a month, to see what she "puts in" for the money, is admirable; but I think the lesson would be even more effective if they were to live on the same amount as she does for that period. Let us put it at £75 a year—that is, 30s. a week. Anyone who endeavours to provide board, lodging, washing, uniform, and other clothing, not forgetting boots, and to save something for necessary holidays and old age, will scarcely regard this sum as a prohibitively high salary. To eke it out one must have recourse to many sordid petty economies. For instance, if called out late in the evening one must refrain from banking up the fire because of the price of coals, consequently, when one returns in the early morning hours, chilled and exhausted, one must go to bed in that condition instead of getting a hot-water bottle and a hot drink. Indeed all one's spare time, and that is not much, seems to be spent settling what one can do without. From a practical standpoint I should like to ask what inducement there is to a certified midwife to take up district midwifery, when, if she works in private houses, with or without a doctor, she can easily earn from £8 8s. to £10 10s. a month and all found? The dearth of midwives for the poor will, in my opinion, continue until they are offered a living wage.

Yours faithfully,

A MIDWIFE WHO HAS EARNED HER LIVING  
BOTH WAYS.

#### THE DANGER OF IMMORAL NURSES.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I am glad to observe that the Dutch Nurses have the courage to call the attention of their legislature to a terrible danger due to the lack of the organisation of nursing under State control—namely, "the frequent use of the nurse's uniform for immoral purposes," so that many persons are "alternately nurse and prostitute." Surely, if the Legislature still delays in giving to trained nurses legal status in recognition of their valuable work for the community, and as affording the public a guarantee of efficiency, it must hasten to do so as a means of protecting the community from the introduction into their houses of the most terrible of diseases, one which may easily be conveyed to an innocent person—even to an innocent child—by a woman who does not hesitate to drag the fair name of nurse in the mire, and to ply

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