

of religion is quite sufficient; his is no religion for them; they will have none of it. The clergy are alarmed at the hold he is getting on the people, for some hear him gladly. The doctors resent his marvellous healing powers; the rich men determine to get rid of him. So an organised street riot brings his brief career to a tragic conclusion.

E. L. H.

THE UNCUDDLED BABY.

My mother is sensible, that's what they say,
She's bringing me up in a practical way;
But though I am sure it's the very best style,
I wish she would cuddle me once in a while.

For all by myself in my crib I must lie,
I just get so lonesome, I cry and I cry;
"It's good for his lungs," mother says, with a smile.

I wish she would cuddle me once in a while.

A child is a problem, that's what the folks say,
I'm being brought up in a sensible way.
Of course, mother knows what's the very best style—
I wish, though, she'd cuddle me once in a while.

E. D. Y.

Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast.

COMING EVENTS.

October 18th to 22nd.—Conference, National Union of Women Workers, Portsmouth. Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland on 20th and 21st inst.

October 22nd.—Meeting Matrons' Council, 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting National Council of Nurses, 4.30 p.m. Presentation to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 5.30 p.m., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

October 25th.—Central Midwives' Board Examination, London, Examination Hall, W.C.; Birmingham, the University; Bristol, University College; Manchester, Victoria University; Newcastle-on-Tyne, University of Durham College of Medicine. The *viva-voce* examination follows, in each case a few days subsequently.

October 26th.—Acton Nursing Institute and Midwifery Training School. Presentation of Prizes at Baby Show by H.M. Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein.

October 28th.—Central Midwives' Board, Special Meeting to consider what action should be taken with regard to the recommendations of the Midwives' Act Committee. Monthly Meeting at conclusion of Special Meeting. Board Room, Caxton House, S.W., 2.30 p.m.

November 2nd.—Cookery and Food Exhibition, Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, S.W.

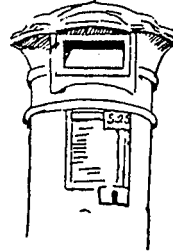
November 4th.—Society of Women Journalists, Annual Meeting, Waldorf Hotel. 3 p.m. Reception 4 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"Men must endure

Their going hence, even as their coming hither:
Ripeness is all."

Letters to the Editor.



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.

MR. HOLLAND AND POOR-LAW INFIRMARIES. *To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."*

DEAR MADAM,—Mr. Sydney Holland is not the only person who considers the management of Poor-Law Infirmaries could be improved. Mr. Holland says guardians only admit sick people because they do not want the scandal of corpses lying about in the street. How about the present controversy between the Local Government Board and the Medical Superintendent of the Camberwell Infirmary, referring to a corpse on the door-step? It will be remembered that James Lucas, a water-side labourer, was taken suddenly ill, and being driven to the infirmary in a cab, was refused admittance, as he did not possess an order. His companion left him sitting on the steps, where he remained three-quarters of an hour. He was finally admitted, but died almost immediately. Surely such a circumstance as this, taken together with the deaths of the three poor men at Hemel Hempstead, to say nothing of the terribly insufficient nursing staff at Salford, should rouse the public conscience. No wonder we have a new society—"For the Break Up of the Poor-Law."

Yours sincerely,

A MEMBER OF IT.

IN DEFENCE OF NURSING HOMES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I can hardly think that the Home Mrs. Harris refers to in the *National Review* could have been kept by a trained nurse, or that there was a trained nurse in it. In the present disorganised arrangements for starting these Homes it is quite usual to find them "run" by untrained people, who prefer the semi-trained assistant, who can be got "cheap."

Honourable, well-trained women, managing nursing homes, would welcome inspection, as the properly-conducted places would be classified as such, and not confused with third-rate lodging houses now posing as professional institutions. As to finding bugs and soiled bed linen, as complained of by Mrs. Harris, I may say that in this house I consider it necessary that each room should be fumigated and thoroughly aired between the admission of each patient, and the bedding kept scrupulously clean. By this means operations progress rapidly, and their period of convalescence is very short. This is an expensive plan, but, as life may be at stake, a small disinfecting fee should be charged; the public would readily agree to it.

Yours truly,

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