

A GROUP OF USEFUL BOOKS.

A group of books useful to nurses and midwives is published by Messrs. Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 8, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C., to which we have pleasure in drawing attention.

An Index of Practical Nursing. By Dr. J. Basil Cook, D.P.H., Senior Assistant Medical Officer at the Kensington Infirmary (price 2s.). A most valuable book of reference, which may briefly be described as a nurses' "Enquire Within upon Every Subject." The subjects are arranged in alphabetical order, to facilitate reference.

Gynaecological Nursing. By Dr. A. E. Giles, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Chelsea Hospital for Women (price 3s. 6d.). Dr. Giles is a writer whose style is always lucid, and his book on Gynaecological Nursing will be welcomed by many.

Both of these books are so useful that we propose to review them at greater length in subsequent issues.

Other admirable books published by the same firm are "Lectures on Midwifery," by Dr. A. B. Calder, Lecturer on Midwifery to the London County Council; and "Lessons on Massage," by Mrs. Margaret D. Palmer.

MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION.

The Medical Supply Association of 228 and 230, Gray's Inn Road, London, is a very popular establishment with nurses, for they always receive courtesies and prompt attention, and are able to obtain goods at most moderate prices.

Many nurses will therefore be glad to know that the firm is shortly moving into much larger premises at 167, Gray's Inn Road, specially built to meet their needs, and where they have their own workshops.

The entrance opens on to a large central hall, round which a gallery runs; there will therefore be plenty of room for the display of medical, surgical, and electrical appliances, and our readers will doubtless take an early opportunity of paying a visit to these new premises.

IRON JELLOIDS.

In the past, when iron has been prescribed, there has frequently been much difficulty of administering in a way which neither blackens nor injures the teeth, a problem which frequently fell to the lot of the nurse to solve. But the difficulty does not occur when iron is prescribed in the jelloids supplied by the Jelloid Co., 76, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. All that then devolves upon the nurse is to administer the dose in a most agreeable form, and with the knowledge that it is perfectly assimilable and non-constipating. It is for these reasons, no doubt, that Iron Jelloids have won their way into medical approval, and are now so frequently ordered when iron is prescribed, both in cases of anæmia and as a general tonic.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

Mr. C. C. Warden, one of the members of the jury in the Suffragist trial, is organising a petition from the jury for a remission or reduction of the sentences passed upon Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Pankhurst. Mr. Warden informed a representative of *The Standard* that at least one-half of the members of the jury expressed their dissatisfaction at no notice being taken of their unanimous recommendation for leniency.

There is no doubt that the genius of Shakespeare cast a glamour over the Elizabethan Age, and "Shakespeare's England" at Earl's Court is also Elizabeth's England. Why then the anachronism of an "Anti-Suffrage" excrescence in the streets of old London at this place of public amusement? Whoever permitted these modest violets to sprout in this particular environment have been guilty of execrable taste, and the sooner their impertinent interference with visitors is removed the better.

Fancy the face—to say nothing of the emphatic language—of the great Elizabeth had the suggestion been made in her time that her sex was unfitted not only to rule but to exercise political power! Would that her wraith could inspire the women smirking through the "Anti-House" windows at Earl's Court with a sense of self-respect. But if this is beyond hoping for, we protest against their molesting women, who visit the Exhibition for pleasure, by inviting them to sign a document writing themselves down "an ass."

Whilst these somewhat over-dressed ladies are playing the spider to the fly at Earl's Court, how is the sanctity of their homes maintained? Who is feeding the baby; what about the kitchen fire; who is doing the family washing; making the strawberry jam; and darning the stockings? Naughty, illogical "antis" to neglect the only duties you claim you have the capacity to perform!

Mrs. Pember Reeves' little Budgets are now quite famous—and a terribly sad indictment they are on prevailing inequality of living. She has recently described a few technical results of her investigations into how numbers of respectable and regularly employed people live on £1 a week, as in many millions of cases the whole family expenditure has to be managed on that sum.

Mrs. Reeves says it is quite a common thing for a man with six children, which is an ordinary number, to pay eight shillings or nine shillings a week rent. Then comes insurance, and the great pity is that the poor only save for death in order that if their children die they will not be buried by the parish. As to the question of food, working men's wives agree that a man in full work cannot be fed on less than 6d. a day. This leaves about 1½d. a day per head for the food of the wife and six children, and the menu consists, generally, of bread and dripping, with suet pudding for a change.

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