

able Superintendent of School Nurses from Toronto, who was over here studying the hygienic side of education generally, before going on to the Congress at Cologne.

The chief difference between our methods and theirs seems to lie in the fact that they wait on their doctors less, doctor and nurse each having a separate line of work, and owing to smaller numbers they are able to see the children more often than we can. All their provinces have established Nurses to assist the work of medical inspection and treatment; and much effective work is being done.

In *Australia* and *New Zealand*, School Nursing has been started and found most useful.

This work may sound uninteresting, but the experience of those who do it is that it has an increasing attraction, the ultimate, first-hand knowledge that is gained of the home conditions of the children, the charm of the children themselves—especially in the poorest districts—the enormous opportunity of teaching and helping the mothers and children alike, gives their work a unique value, and assures them of a recognised place among the forces “working together for good.”

Dare I finish by quoting what ought to be the consecrating background of this elevating work, which should warm the heart and console the wearied mind of the tired nurse, as she goes about her work—

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my children—ye have done it unto Me.”

CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate Mrs. W. H. Klosz the very able Editor of *The Nursing Journal of India* upon the birth of another baby daughter. Those who remember how Mrs. Klosz carries her babies around from one Continent to another, how fat and smiling these little ones appear when attending international functions with their managing mother, will realise that the addition to her little family, will in no way depreciate the work she does so willingly and effectively, for the profession of which she is such a popular member. Let us hope these little daughters may grow up to emulate the example of their charming mother.

WEDDING BELLS.

On August 28th Miss M. Grace Jones, a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, was married to Mr. Sagar, of the Soudan Civil Service. Miss Jones, until recently, was working at the Civil Hospital, Kartoum. May they have a bright and happy future.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

The late Duke of Sutherland among numerous bequests has left “an annuity of £250 to Lily Watson, head nurse at the Nursing Home at 15, Henrietta Street, in recognition of her kindness, skill, and care after a serious operation I underwent.” We learn that at one time Miss Lily Watson was on the staff of Netley House Private Nursing Home, but was never head nurse there. She was sent to nurse the Duke from Netley House, and afterwards was with him on her own account. Miss Watson is at present in Canada, and is to be congratulated upon her good fortune—and that it is the result of her kindness and skill.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

A correspondent writes:—

The Fly Pest.

A writer in a daily paper recently attributed the decrease in the number of house flies this year to the dull, cold summer of 1912. Investigation, however, reveals no decrease in houses where unusual means of extermination have not been adopted, and the reduced numbers, on the whole, seem more likely to be due to the spread of information concerning the danger of this fly. Probably the popular revue, “Kill that Fly,” achieved more effect in this respect than any scientific teaching.

The present writer lives in a semi-detached cottage. Even on the hottest days this year the flies within, average only half-a-dozen daily, and these all enter by the one front window from next door where there are swarms and the suspended fly-sheets are black with flies. The obvious deduction of this experience is that the only way to rid one's house of flies is to kill each one immediately it enters. It is waste of energy to first give the fly half an hour in which to lay its eggs. A light, skilful flick with the corner of a tea-towel disables a fly long enough to enable one to pick it up with spring forceps, and pressure does the rest. Spring forceps are also a perfect means of securing a wasp, preferably by the head, which so often causes terror to a convalescent.

When one realises that a single normal fly can in one summer be responsible for 95,312,500,000,000 descendants, the exertion of destroying one fly becomes an appreciable public service.

To those who have realised the filth and disease connoted by this pest, it is astonishing to see how many educated people are indifferent to the presence of flies in every room in their houses. Yet nothing can be more deadly than this much-tolerated insect, which has a capacity for carrying six million bacteria at once on to food and articles of intimate personal use.

It is to be hoped that the moving-picture film, the “Fly-Pest,” may be exhibited before long in every village in the land, for it is only ignorance that is at the bottom of the amazing indifference

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