

of a woman, aged 39, who died as a result of being scalded during the absence of the nurse, who, after drawing hot water into the sink, left the kitchen, and the patient came in and splashed herself with it. The Medical Superintendent, Professor Bolton, said that the nurse had been guilty of an indiscretion in leaving the kitchen without turning out the patients or locking the door.

The jury returned a verdict that the patient died from shock due to accidental scalds by placing her arms in a sink of hot water, through the indiscretion of the nurse in leaving the kitchen unprotected.

We have received as a gift from Miss L. L. Dock a most lovely book, "The House in Henry Street," by Lillian D. Wald, R.N., illustrated with most charming etchings and drawings by Abraham Phillips.

As head of the Henry Street Settlement, on the East Side of New York City, Miss Wald has for twenty years watched the transforming miracles which have contracted centuries into years, and made American citizens of Jew and Hun, Armenian and Slav. She tells from the American side the human story of immigration. Under her guidance this Settlement, with its wonderful organization for district nursing, and its range of activities, almost as wide as the needs of mankind, has become a sort of moral galvanic battery of constructive social ideas. We have happy memories of a day spent at the Settlement with Miss Dock years ago, and shall review the book, which tells of the marvellous record of women's triumphant service to the American nation and humanity, with sincere pleasure.

Miss Dock has retired from her very active work in New York, to live at her old home in Pennsylvania. She writes:—"We were really not disappointed, but very much encouraged and delighted, by the big vote in the State of New York (on women's suffrage), so much bigger than we had anticipated. The work with Congress is now the important thing, and we have back of that the *political power* of the four million women voters of the West, who have served notice on Congress that they will vote against the dominant party until it passes a suffrage resolution to go before the State Legislatures as an amendment to the United States Constitution. The advantage of pressing that is that no step gained can be lost—it stands until the next step can be taken, while in the State campaigns, losing means going back to the bottom of the ladder again." With Miss Dock

suffrage is always first—we agree it is the bed-rock of liberty of conscience and action.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

The issue of the following circular has been authorized by the Committee of the T.W.N.F.S. :— (All members of the T.W.N.F.S. are asked to read this very carefully, as failure to do so may involve them in a breach of the rules, and may give trouble to the Society.)

The Insurance Card enclosed herewith is for your use during the six months January to July, 1916. The stamped card which you have been using for the period July to December, 1915, should be sent up to this office on or about December 31st. Under no circumstances must you delay sending in your stamped card. Remember that, together with your card, you should send your Insurance Book, placing the two together in the envelope provided for the purpose. You must not seal down the envelope but must simply tuck in the flap; you must not under any circumstances enclose a letter with your book and card, as under the New Postal Regulations a 2d. stamp would then be needed. If you find it necessary to write to us you should either write a post card or a letter separately, and not enclose your book and card. To notify a change of address, if any, it is sufficient to cross out the old address, and write the new one on the space provided on the inside of the cover.

Members are asked to bear in mind that the receipting of the insurance books always takes several weeks, and they are only giving themselves and the office unnecessary trouble by asking when the insurance book is going to be sent back. There is no need for such enquiries to be sent unless the book is delayed more than a month, which is very rarely the case. The great majority of books are returned about a fortnight or three weeks after they are received.

It is essential that members who fall ill should notify the Society immediately, and members who delay doing this render themselves liable to a fine. This is most important, and the Committee appeal to you to take due notice of this rule. Members receiving sickness benefit must send a medical certificate *every week* and the benefit will be paid weekly.

The Committee hope that every member of the Society will do her best to make the advantages of the Society known among her fellow workers. The prosperity and stability of the Society can only be secured by increasing the number of healthy members, and it is therefore to the direct interest of every member to secure as many new members of the Society as possible. The Secretary will be delighted to send particulars of the Society to any person writing a post card asking for the same

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