

do not allow your children to be kissed. Remember that children need fresh air in the summer time, and outdoor life is one of the best ways to avoid disease." The bulletin adds that it is perfectly safe for the children to frequent parks and playgrounds if only two or three of them play together, but that they should not play in large groups, and should not come in contact with children from other parts of the city.

Mr. Walter Long, President of the Local Government Board, replying to an inquiry by Commander Bellairs (Maidstone, U.) in the House of Commons last week as to what immediate steps were to be taken in regard to the alarming outbreak of infectious paralysis in New York in order to prevent its spread to this country, said:—We are fully acquainted with the facts of the case and with the nature and history of this disease as far as it is known, and of the steps which are taken in New York. Cases of this disease have occurred here for a long period. The ordinary administrative machinery for the protection of this country is sufficient, and no special steps are, I consider, called for in respect of this disease.

At a meeting of the Belfast Board of Guardians, at which the Chairman, Mr. John Wilson, presided, the question of the appointment of a successor to the Lady Superintendent, Miss Howlett, was discussed.

It was stated in a special report of the Infirmary Committee that upon Miss Howlett's resignation the committee had conferred with the visiting medical officers on the subject. The clerk pointed out that the Local Government Board had requested that any vacancy which might occur in the Guardians' service offering employees who were on war service an opportunity of advancement, should not be permanently filled during their absence, and if the Guardians decided to adopt that course the Local Government Board would raise no objection to temporary arrangements being made for the discharge of the duties of the vacant office until the conclusion of the war. The committee, after a lengthened consideration, decided to recommend that the appointment of a lady superintendent nurse be deferred, the medical staff having pointed out that a large number of good candidates, now on war service, would not have an opportunity of making application; that the duties in the meantime be discharged by Miss Gray; and that Miss Campbell, assistant superintendent (convalescent department), be temporarily appointed to fill the office of Miss Gray as assistant superintendent.

We have been very glad, says the *South African Nursing Record*, to notice, in glancing through our advertisement columns for the past few months, that quite a number of institutions have adopted the principle of refunding their nurses' railway fares after a period of service. The exact time varies: thus, taking three recent examples, the Cape Hospital Board refunds its fare after three months' service, the Butterworth Board after six, and Oudtshoorn after a year. This does not matter: the essential thing is the adoption of a principle. Some time ago we commented on the unfairness of expecting a nurse to pay her own fare to take up a new appointment. Thus suppose she is appointed Staff Nurse at Pretoria or anywhere in the north of the Transvaal, from Port Elizabeth, at a salary of £6 a month, most of her first month's salary is gone in travelling expenses before she gets there. It is only right that after a certain period of good service her initial expenses should be refunded. In England young medical men seeking positions as house surgeons even have their fare paid to go and interview the committee, whether their application is successful or not.

The Frere Hospital, East London, is to be congratulated on the fact that two of its nurses, Miss Lilford and Miss Orpen, have come out first and second respectively in the list of successful candidates at the recent examination of the Cape Province for Trained Nurses. To the matron, Mrs. Knight, and to Dr. Lounds, who delivered a course of lectures, much credit is due for the successful result.

Miss Mary Ard Mackenzie, B.A., R.N., Chief Superintendent and Inspector of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, in her annual report, incorporated in that of the Committee, says that the report for the year is a good one, "containing the story of splendid work accomplished, and replete with hopeful plans for future activities."

In the course of her remarks, Miss Ard Mackenzie says:—

"I wish to make special reference to the Country Nursing Scheme of the Order. During the last two years the most important developments of the Order have been made in this branch of our work. The plan is too well known to you all to need repeating. There have been and still are many difficulties, but most of them are vanishing. The difficulty of reaching the people in order to interest them has been largely overcome by the splendid help given by the Women's Institutes and the Grain

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