

Mother seats herself in a pew and takes baby proper with her free arm, and wraps her none too ample shawl round the two little ones cuddled close to her breast. The other children snuggle as closely to her and to each other as possible, making fruitless efforts that the piece of blanket should achieve the impossible.

Mother reminds one of an anxious hen, but she only had one pair of arms, and they don't go as far as wings. Over the children's heads in the "war corner" hang the pictures of all the "daddies" who are fighting for the country, and who have, alas! "gone west."

How good they were, those children, in the bitter cold and discomfort. Just before "All Clear" was sounded, ex-baby, aged two and a bit, lifted his dirty little face and curly head from his mother's breast, and fixed wondering eyes on the sorrowful Figure on the Cross.

"That's Jesus," he announced. "What's 'E kyin' for?"

"I dunno," says Mother.

"I 'spects," says the little man reflectively, "I 'spects 'E's 'fraid of the bombs."

"All clear," and the little folk go out once more into the chill night air, back to beds which have no hot bottles in them and none too many clothes.

Some of our readers could perhaps spare an old shawl or blanket, no matter how shabby, or nurses on private cases could perhaps beg one or more from patients whose own little ones are sheltered and warm. They would be used to cover the little shivering children in cold shelters, who are often there for long hours in the middle of the night.

Anything and everything in the nature of a shawl or blanket would be gratefully received by Sister Agatha, St. John's Mission House, Aston Street, Limehouse, E.

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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS.

A Special Meeting of the Legislation Sectional Committee will be held at the Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W., on Thursday, February 28th, at 4 p.m., to consider the Bills promoted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and by the College of Nursing, Ltd.

Mrs. Prothero, the Convener, will be in the chair.

Speakers: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses; Miss E. L. C. Eden, National Union of Trained Nurses; Mr. Herbert Paterson, F.R.C.S., Royal British Nurses' Association. The representatives of the College of Nursing, Ltd., are not yet announced.

The members of the Executive Committee N.U.W.W. and of the Public Health Sectional Committee are invited to be present.

The convening of meetings for explanatory purposes on questions of national importance is a new and very wise departure upon the part of the N.U.W.W., the large majority of whom are neither professional nor industrial women. It is a pity Members of Parliament do not seek expert information in the same way.

VICTORY CELEBRATIONS.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies is organizing a Celebration at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., on Wednesday, March 13th, at 8 p.m., to welcome the extension of the Franchise to Women. The Speakers include Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., in the Chair; Right Hon. Arthur Henderson; the Earl of Lytton; Right Hon. Sir John Simon, and Miss Maud Royden. The London Symphony Orchestra and Choir, conducted by Sir Hubert Parry, will discourse sweet music. Seventeen suffrage societies will co-operate with the National Union, and the gathering will be of real historic importance. Many nurses, no doubt, will wish to attend, and should apply to Mrs. Mackenzie, N.U.W.S.S., Room 7, 62, Oxford Street, W. 1.

It is proposed to inaugurate, in gratitude to the pioneers of the movement, a great Celebration Fund, to be used to remove the existing disabilities of women. This Fund will be divided proportionately among the societies taking part in the Meeting, and each Society will use its share for the work it deems most necessary for the attainment of this end.

THE CHARM OF CURLY HAIR.

Nurses whose aseptic conscience is developed rigorously cover their hair when on duty with a freshly-laundered cap. They are therefore specially susceptible to the charms of a head *bien coiffé* when off duty, and the opportunity offered by "Wavcurl," procurable from the New Wavcurl Co., Fulwood House, High Holborn, London, W.C. 1, to secure the right effect in wavy, curly hair will appeal to many. Just now the firm are making a special offer which should not be lost sight of, of a 2s. 9d. packet for 1s. 6d.

COMING EVENTS.

February 23rd.—National Union of Trained Nurses, London Branch; Annual Meeting. Members free; non-members, admission 6d.; tea, 6d. 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, *Business Meeting* 2 p.m., *Addresses* 3 p.m.

February 26th.—Central Council for District Nursing in London: Annual Meeting of Council, Conference Hall, Office Local Government Board, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

February 28th.—Royal British Nurses' Association: Lecture, by Mrs. Dickinson Berry, M.D., on "Red Cross Work in Roumania and Serbia." 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 2.45 p.m.

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