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LITTLE CUCKOO FLOWER.

Carefully noting the tone and touch of the majority members of the present General Nursing Council, we have been struck with its circumscribed outlook, autocratic attitude towards the profession, which it ventures to advise and control, and its lack of sympathy, not only with the advance of professional nursing, but its extraordinary ignorance of social evolution in so far as nursing is concerned. blood will flow into the veins of this dull doctrinaire Assembly at an early date, and that it will realise its Social obligations to the community.

In the past, owing to the genius of Miss Eden, we had a Nurses' Social Union. It was a happy inspiration; it had a wonderful future before it, which of late years has not fulfilled its *métier* owing to the endless struggle, so bitterly contested, for legal status. But we are always hoping that the time will come



MISS MYRTLE PETERS WHO PLAYS "LITTLE CUCKOO FLOWER."

We cannot call to mind one illuminating suggestion for uplifting Nursing into the great Social Service it must become, for the cure and prevention of disease, by the amelioration of social conditions, if it is to fulfil its destiny worthily, but apparently, in the opinion of the Council, nurses of the sick we are, as termed in law, and presumably in that narrow environment we must be content to jog trot until the end of time. Let us hope a little red when Miss Eden will return and re-inspire the Social Spirit of Nursing, until which time let us do what we can. Many of us know of the work of the Six Point Group, of which the Viscountess Rhondda is the Chairman of the Executive Committee, supported by an array of some of the finest social reform workers amongst women.

The first object of this Group is to obtain satisfactory legislation on the question of



