

6 (a). What is the object of district nursing? How may a District Nurse be the means of effecting a lasting improvement in the condition of her patients? Or,

6 (b). What particulars concerning a patient should be entered in your case book, and how would you obtain them?

KENSINGTON INFIRMARY.

REUNION OF NURSES.

The name of Kensington Infirmary has now been changed to St. Mary Abbot's Hospital.

The Annual Summer Reunion of Nurses will take place on Wednesday, July 4th, commencing with a service at 3.30 p.m.

It is hoped that all nurses who have been trained at Kensington will make a special effort to be present.

BABY WEEK COUNCIL.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent the following message to the National Baby Week Council: "I am glad to learn that the National Baby Week Council, of which I am Patron, will celebrate its seventh anniversary in July. My interest in this movement is unabated, and, in sending my best wishes for the success of the National celebrations this year, I earnestly trust that the valuable work carried on by the Council may continue to prosper. —MARY R."

LYING DEAD IN THE GUTTER.

A Swansea nurse made a protest when giving evidence at an inquest held in that town recently against a practice which, as a result, will no doubt be abolished by the authorities responsible. A man was wheeling a truck of cement along the street, when he collapsed and Nurse Jane Simon found him lying in the roadway. She immediately sent for a doctor, but he died in the meantime. "I think it is a shame they could not take him to the hospital in the ambulance because he was dead," said the nurse to the Coroner. "It is disgraceful to a town like Swansea to keep a man lying dead in the gutter of a public street where trams are passing until they fetch a hand ambulance to take him away." The Coroner observed that he supposed the reason was that the motor-ambulance might be needed elsewhere, but Nurse Simon retorted that she did not think that was a sufficient reason for keeping a man lying dead in the gutter in view of everybody. The Coroner agreed with the nurse that it seemed indecent.

We are entirely in sympathy with the opinion of Nurse Jane Simon.

THE LADY WORKERS' HOMES, LTD.

We invite our readers to study the advertisement on our front cover of the Lady Workers' Homes, Ltd., and then to write for further particulars to the Secretary, Lady Workers' Homes, Ltd., 24, Grove End Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.8. If they can help to lessen the cruel shortage of homes for women workers, and at the same time make a sound investment, they will have cause for solid satisfaction.

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

LITTLE CUCKOO FLOWER.

In the House of Commons, last week, Major Paget (Leicester, Bosworth) moved for permission to introduce a Bill to provide for the better protection of young children, consisting of one Clause only, viz. :—

"Any person who shall be guilty of a felony or misdemeanour under Sections 4 or 5 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885, and be convicted thereof, may at the discretion of the Court, and in addition to any term of imprisonment in the said Act provided, be sentenced in respect of the said offence to be once privately whipped. The number of strokes, and instrument with which they are to be inflicted shall be specified by the Court in the sentence."

Major Paget said that the Act of 1885 laid down that for these sexual offences against young children under 13 a youth of 16 might be whipped. The Bill merely extended this to those of a more advanced age who should know considerably better. Under the present law it was possible to order a criminal who attacked a strong man and robbed him violently of his watch, to be whipped, and all would agree it was a far more brutal and low form of crime for a man to attack a little child and rob it of its innocence. He was afraid these offences were distinctly on the increase. Any man who attacked a little child was a coward and a cur. Such a man might not object to a long term of imprisonment, but he was afraid of the least thing that was going to happen to his own disgusting and horrible hide. The Bill was brought in and read a first time without a division.

COMING EVENTS.

July 4th.—St. Mary Abbot's Hospital. Annual Reunion of Nurses. Service. 3.30 p.m.

July 4th.—Bethnal Green Hospital, E. Nurses' Reunion Annual Gathering. Service in Chapel, 4 p.m. Tea and Reception in the garden, 4.30 to 6 p.m. Entertainment by the Nurses' Dramatic Society, 6 to 8 p.m. Dancing and refreshments, 8 to 10 p.m.

July 6th.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick "At Home" to contributors to Presentation Register—Gift on view. 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

July 7th.—Isleworth Nurses' League. Annual Garden Party in the grounds of the West Middlesex Hospital. Matron will be pleased to welcome any former nurses and their friends. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

July 11th.—Whipp's Cross Hospital, Leytonstone. Visit of Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles) to present medals and awards to the nurses.

July 14th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Recital by Mr. Horton. 3 p.m.

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