

sit; and the seconder, Mr. J. C. Buckley, said that to allow children to sit in their wet clothes was to sow the seeds of rheumatism in the bodies of boys and girls. The resolution, we are glad to say, was carried. We commend it to the attention of the School Nurses of Great Britain.

The annual fortnight's holiday arranged by the Nurses' Missionary League primarily for its members, though other nurses who are trained or taking general training are welcomed also, will this year be spent at Dormy House, Sheringham (on the Norfolk coast), from June 6th to 20th. Sheringham is in Poppy Land, and there are numerous lovely walks along the cliffs and excursions to such beauty spots as Sandringham, the Norfolk Broads, etc.

"Dormy House" is within five minutes of the sea,

picture shows a ward at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., where the Sister is taking the details necessary to make the returns concerning the small children who slept in the hospital on Sunday night. Incidentally it is interesting to note that a baby was born at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital at 11.59 on the night of April 26th, and was therefore included in the present census. The baby, a little girl, has been named Clara.

An alarming accident occurred recently in an operating theatre at the Birmingham General Hospital, as a patient was just about to be operated upon, when an explosion took place owing to the ignition of some ether fumes. The theatre was filled with smoke and fumes and there was a slight outbreak of fire. The patient happily was uninjured, but the surgeon and a nurse and dresser were burnt about the hands and arms.

An attractive post to those with enterprise, and love of travel now vacant, is that of Sister Tutor at the Durban Hospital, South Africa, details of which will be found on page i of our Advertisement Supplement. Durban is an important port on the South East coast of Africa, the climate good, and the work interesting.

Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., President of the South African Trained Nurses Association, who has been Matron of the Johannesburg Hospital for twenty-seven years has resigned that position. Her long and successful service was re-

cognised before she left by handsome gifts from the Board of the Hospital and the Medical and Nursing Staffs.

Miss Alexander left South Africa by the *Gloucester Castle* for England and the Continent, and will attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva in June.

On her return to South Africa she will assume the position of Nursing Editor of the *South African Nursing Record*, to which we are indebted for this information.

The management of the *American Journal of Nursing* notifies that it has now moved from 370 to 450 Seventh Avenue, together with its allied organisations. The frontispiece of the April number of the *A.J.N.* shows a procession of nurses moving their goods from one house to the other while a policeman gallantly holds up the traffic for "A Short Move and a Merry One."



CENSUS TIME.

At the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

and there is excellent bathing (private bathing tent), tennis, etc.

For particulars as to terms and other information, application should be made to Miss Richardson or Miss Shaw, 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1, marking the envelopes "Camp."

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey has kindly consented to open a Bazaar on June 6th, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., at the Croydon General Hospital. The Bazaar is being held in the Hospital grounds, and is in aid of the "Reconstruction Fund." The Matron (Miss Keys-Wells) will be pleased to receive gifts for the Nursing Staff Stall from any past Nurses.

Some of the most interesting, as no doubt intricate census returns were those made in the hospitals. Our

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