

I AM asked to state that the subject of hygienic dress and uniforms for Nurses will still be under consideration by the Sub-committee on Nursing, meeting on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 53, Berners Street, at five p.m. It is proposed to design a costume which shall be at once warm and uniform-like for the use of a private Nurse, when called up at night to attend her patient. Any suggestions on this point will be gladly received by the Committee.

OLD Bartholomew Nurses will deeply regret to hear that Mr. W. MORRANT BAKER has been compelled to resign his appointment as Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on account of ill-health. It is expected that Mr. LOCKWOOD will be elected Assistant Surgeon.

IN the House of Commons on Monday, Viscount GRIMSTON moved an address for the following return: From the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, specifying the following information with regard to each country: 1. Whether the registration of stillbirths is compulsory, and, if so, what Act regulates this? 2. Is the registration carried out by

the authorities who register ordinary births and deaths? 3. Are stillbirths registered as births or deaths, or both? 4. What is the legal definition of a stillborn child? 5. What are the penalties for neglecting to register a stillbirth? 6. Is the number of stillborn children interred and registered in the year 1890 known; and, if so, what was such number? 7. What are the penalties for criminally causing a child to be stillborn? 8. Copy of regulations and forms of certificates used in registering stillbirths? 9. Is a certificate of stillbirth, signed by a Midwife, accepted by the registering authorities? 10. Are Midwives recognised by the State, and is the bulk of the Midwifery practice in their hands? 11. Under what regulations, if any, are Midwives allowed by the State to practise? 12. Is it known, and if so, what is the rate per thousand of women who die in their confinements, or in the four weeks immediately following? I wonder at whose inspiration this return has been moved for? Its importance is very apparent, and its facts will probably go far to prevent any legislation for Midwives being attempted this century, at any rate.

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