

Each month a subject of interest to Nursing Teachers has been discussed, and a very able paper has been prepared by a Sister Tutor either from London or the Provinces, thus keeping all in touch with the Group.

Subjects that have been thus dealt with this year include :

Burns and their treatment.

Artificial Feeding Methods.

Feeding of Patients.

Nursing of Nervous Conditions, and

Nutritional Diseases of Children.

Each of the above papers our President has found room for in her wonderful Journal, and this is most appreciated by members unable to attend the Group, and especially those abroad.

Instructive administration classes have been arranged by the British College of Nurses, and these have been ably conducted by our Chairman, and most of us wish we were free to attend these very unique courses of instruction. The Education Committee have now given permission for Library books to be borrowed for the period of one month, and a postcard reaching Miss Bryson on Tuesday morning will allow for them to be left ready in the classroom for the member of the Group.

It is very gratifying to know that nearly all the members of the Group have joined the League of Sister Tutors. We congratulate the President, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer of that League, as each has been elected a Member of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and the President is also on the Executive. We thank the Council of the British College of Nurses for their kindness in allowing us the use of the classroom month by month.

The Tutorial Group have arranged to hold their meetings in future at 5.30 p.m., as this appears the most convenient time.

We offer our congratulations to all members who have received promotion during the year, and offer our sympathy to those who are the victims of illness and wish them a speedy recovery.

HENRIETTA BALLARD,
Hon. Secretary.

CONFERENCE OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF HEALTH VISITORS.

The report has just been issued of the Second Annual Conference of Superintendents of Health Visitors appointed by Local Authorities, held in London, September 19th, 1931.

Subjects discussed :—"The Clerical Work of the Rural Health Visitor," "Recruitment to the Health Visitor Service," "The Health Visitor and Infant Protection Work," "Keeping Ourselves Alive and Keenly Interested in our Job," "The Health Visitor and the 1-5 Child."

The following resolutions were passed :—

1. The clerical work of the health visitor should be reduced as far as possible by simplification, and standardisation, of forms, and of methods of reporting, including a consideration of abbreviations. And that female clerks should be employed at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres to relieve health visitors of clerical work which can properly be performed by clerks.

2. Adoption of Children (Summary Jurisdiction) Rules, 1926.

That it is desirable that the "Guardian" appointed under these rules should be the Maternity and Child Welfare Authority of the area.

3. That this Conference of Superintendent Health Visitors considers that homes for the reception of children

under part 1 of the Children Act, 1908, should be registered before a child is accepted.

4. That no health visitor who is a part time officer, *i.e.* devoting part of her time to tuberculosis visiting, or to school work, etc., should be required to supervise more than 500 children under five years of age, and that each child under five should be visited not less frequently than four times yearly.

Miss A. E. Williams (West Riding of Yorkshire) was elected Chairman for 1932, and Miss H. S. Cooper Hodgson, (County Durham) was re-elected as secretary.

The Misses Burgess (Burnley) and Ralph (Bristol) were re-elected to the Committee, with the addition of Miss Bennett (County of Nottingham). It was decided to hold the next Conference in Leeds, early in September, 1932.

NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

The Public Assistance Committee of the London County Council have made the following rules under the Public Assistance Order 1930, with respect to the bathing and cleansing of inmates of institutions, training colonies and receiving homes under their management.

(i) Except in a case dealt with as one of urgency, every inmate on admission shall, before being sent to any ward, be bathed and thoroughly cleansed, unless the medical officer otherwise directs, and shall be suitably clothed.

(ii) Every bath shall be prepared by a responsible officer.

(iii) In preparing the bath, the cold water shall always be turned on first, and the temperature of the bath, which shall be ascertained by thermometer before the inmate enters it, shall not be less than 92 degrees or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

(iv) In the bath the body of the inmate must be well cleansed with soap, and the head of the inmate shall in no circumstances whatever be put under water.

(v) Inmates who are able to do so may be permitted to bath themselves, but the officer on duty shall be responsible for seeing that all inmates are properly cleansed. No inmate who is feeble or subject to fits shall be left alone in the bathroom.

(vi) In no circumstances whatever shall two inmates occupy the same bath at the same time.

(vii) Not more than one inmate shall be bathed in the same water. In every case the water shall be run off immediately after the inmate is bathed, and the interior of the bath cleansed.

(viii) Any marks, bruises, wounds, sores, local pains or evidences of disease of any kind complained of by the inmate, or noticed by the officer during the bathing operations, shall be immediately reported to the master, who must report the fact to the medical officer.

(ix) A separate clean towel or bath sheet shall be used for each inmate.

(x) After leaving the bath, special care shall be taken to dry those inmates who are feeble and helpless, to wrap them in a blanket and to put them to bed as soon as possible.

(xi) Keys, where provided, shall be used only by the officer on duty, and shall never be allowed to remain on the bathroom taps. The master or other authorised officer shall be responsible for the custody of the keys, and in no case shall they be used by inmates.

(xii) No tow, lint or other solid shall be thrown into the sinks, baths or washing basins, and the baths, except under medical order, shall only be used for the bathing of inmates. The floor of the bathroom shall be kept dry.

THANKS FOR GIFTS.

"Miss Mundy, formerly Assistant Lady Superintendent at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, of Rose Cottage, Knole, Long Sutton, Taunton, wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the many former and present Sisters and Nurses who have so kindly contributed to the gifts presented to her on her retirement. For those who have not been able to see them she would like to add: the oak dining room chairs and black skin rug will be most useful, and she is sure the portable wireless set will be an endless pleasure to her and to others."

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