

cradle—strapped on to the komatik. Pillows, or a small feather bed, are placed in the bottom; the patient is well wrapped in rugs, and, if obtainable, a deer skin, and hot water bottles placed near him. But, doing the best possible, it is not a pleasant journey for the sufferer. Even in summer time travel for a patient is not happy. It nearly always means a journey in two boats (one sometimes a small open boat) with a wait of a day or so, when changing boats—and there is always a possibility of a rough sea."

At another station a miniature Health Week was arranged at the Mission, which was well attended. Talks were given to the school children on teeth—to mothers on the care of babies—to women on cooking and the value of brown bread—bran; the proper cooking of vegetables and the disadvantages of scalding all the milk were demonstrated, and everyone listened attentively. But—as in other places—the people there need a lot of encouragement and supervision before they will put fresh ideas into practice.

Miss Eleanor N. Winnall, F.B.C.N., writes from St. John's, Newfoundland:—

"Newfoundland Outport Nursing and Industrial Association is a wonderful institution and helps these poor people so far away from civilisation so much. They subsist solely on the fishing industry and have to work terribly hard all the year round to make the poorest sort of living. Their main diet is white bread and molasses and the prosperous ones have a little salt beef and pork, dried beans and peas with an occasional sea bird if they have any powder or shot to kill it with.

"They are literally hundreds of years behind the times and live the most primitive lives with no sort of modern conveniences whatever. I have a very scattered district consisting of small settlements scattered along the coast with 20 to 40 families in each. The country is very rough and barren and practically impassable by land and all my visiting is done in a small open motorboat."

Sir Wilfred Grenfell is happy in the affection of the people to whom he has devoted his life, and in the approval of his Sovereign expressed in the award of honours for work well done.

PROFESSIONAL REVIEW.

AN OUTLINE OF THE HUMAN BODY.*

The author of this small Anatomy and Physiology book, Dr. A. David Belilios, M.B., B.S.Lond., D.P.H.Eng., has given to those studying the elements of these subjects a very clear, concise and plainly illustrated handbook.

It should form a very useful basis for preliminary school probationers, as it gives an excellent groundwork for further elaboration later on, when the main principles have been dealt with. The elements and general make up of the body are so clear and interesting that the most junior probationer would understand. Dr. Belilios is obviously well versed in the principles of teaching and the difficult points in Anatomy as he uses such very commonplace things for his analogies, even "Carter Paterson" for the conveyance of material in the body. The diagrams are exceptionally plain, the simplicity of such structural outlines as he gives of the spinal cord with the posterior root ganglion must help teacher and pupil alike in these more difficult subjects.

A unique feature of this book is its chapter on dissection of a rabbit or frog, either of which can easily be obtained, and the instructions given as to its dissection will illuminate the whole subject of Anatomy and Physiology.

One is very interested to see a chapter guiding pupils through the sections of the Royal College of Surgeons' Museum, and the author is worthy of comment for the added interest this will give to those who are not in touch with this magnificent collection of anatomical specimens.

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OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Tariff Bill has received the Royal Assent and the new 10 per cent. duties will be collected at all the ports. A glimmer of common-sense in the political arena at last!

In common with the officers and staffs of the London County Council, the London Coroners are to have their salaries reduced temporarily.

The London County Coroners' Association have submitted to the General Purposes Committee an offer of a temporary reduction, subject to the proviso that the reduction should be applied only to the net salary and not to administrative expenses. We congratulate the Coroners of London.

The estimated expenditure of the L.C.C. for 1932-3 totals £29,769,009.

The proposed rate for the new year is 6s. 6½d. a reduction of one penny as compared with 1931-2.

The Council of the Geological Society of London has intimated its award of four Medals for the current year to geologists of distinction. We note with great pleasure that Dr. Maria M. Ogilvie Gordon was awarded a Lyell Gold Medal, together with £30 from the Lyell Geological Fund, in recognition of her valuable researches on the structure of the Western Dolomites (Tirol).

For level-headed, practical, efficient women, no country in the world can compare to France—and yet, although their good manners, charm, grace, and artistic feeling are proverbial, to say nothing of their national *pot-au-feu*, they are still excluded from citizenship. We are not surprised to learn that a woman spectator in the galleries of the French Senate suddenly made an appeal for votes for women, and when the attendants tried to remove her, it was found that she had fastened herself to the back of the seat by means of a chain and padlock, which had to be broken before she could be removed. Let us hope the Deputies will as speedily break the political fetters which so unjustly restrain the liberties of French women, who are universally acknowledged to be the backbone of the nation.

The Prince of Wales's "Appeal to Youth" is to be published in Braille by the National Institute for the Blind.

The Women's Guild of Empire, of which Mrs. Flora Drummond is founder, has just organised an Industrial Support Section, to place its large membership and trained speakers at the service of British industry.

Lectures, illustrated by samples of the goods described, exhibitions, and demonstrations, will be held throughout the country, the purpose of the campaign being to provide an educated buying public. New offices have been opened at 1, Dover Street, Piccadilly, W.1, and all manufacturers, distributors, and others interested are asked to communicate with the organising secretaries.

The Howard League for Penal Reform, in a letter to the Home Secretary, advocates the setting up of a Royal Commission on prison administration.

"Throughout the English prisons," the letter states, "the short working day, the inadequacy of the instruction, the obsolete buildings, methods and machinery, the lack of incentive to increase skill or output, combine to defeat the best intentions of the Commissioners in any scheme for industrial training."

The League reaffirms the belief that flogging causes more evil than it prevents.

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