

## The Passing Bell.

The Rev. T. V. H. Barber.

WE TENDER TO MRS THOMAS BARBER, S.R.N., D.N. (Lond.) our very sincere regret and deepest sympathy in the passing of her husband, the Rev. Thomas Vernon Hollingsworth Barber, on June 25th, after a long and painful illness patiently borne.

Mr. Barber was a graduate of Christs College, Cambridge, and for some twenty years was Vicar of London Colney, until his retirement in 1948.

A man of wide sympathy and understanding in human affairs, so evident in his admiration of the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick's life's work, won for him the gratitude of large numbers of the Nursing Profession.

The suffering of the last years of his life could not dim his high religious zeal so well expressed in his writings—"The Unknown God," published during his retirement and "The Rightness of Events" only completed a week before his death!

The funeral service, held at London Colney Parish Church, was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Mann, Vicar of St. Albans, Westcliff, where a large congregation assembled to pay tribute to his memory.

Among those present were Cannon F. B. Brenchley, the Rev. Booty, and the Nursing Sisters from Harperbury Hospital, who lined the path leading to the church steps where lay a great profusion of beautiful flowers. Among the many associations represented, Miss A. A. Ward, S.R.N., was the representative of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

We feel sure that in her great sorrow Mrs. Barber will be comforted in the remembrance of her selfless devotion to her beloved husband in his need.

Readers will perhaps remember the charming literary contributions Mr. Barber made to this Journal, the last one being a tribute to the "Gentlemen of the Barrow," entitled "'Ave yer bought the street, Bill?" which displayed his humour, and delighted this unique dynasty.

## Protection of Children from Tuberculosis

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH states that certain recommendations have been made to him by the Joint Tuberculosis Council regarding the protection of organised groups of children against the risk of infection by adults suffering from tuberculosis. These recommendations are to the following effect:—

- (1) No person with respiratory tuberculosis should be engaged for employment which involves close contact with groups of children unless and until the disease is certified as arrested. A candidate for such employment should therefore not be engaged without a medical examination, including an X-ray examination of the chest.
- (2) Persons whose employment brings them into close contact with groups of children should have an X-ray examination of the chest annually.
- (3) If a person while thus employed is found to be suffering from respiratory tuberculosis, such employment should at once cease, and not be resumed until two consecutive medical certificates are given, the first stating that the disease is no longer active, and the second (after a further interval of six months) stating that the improvement in the general and local condition has been maintained, both certificates being based on X-ray and bacteriological, as well as clinical, investigation. After resumption of employment similar investigations should be carried out at three-monthly intervals for the first year and at six-monthly intervals for the next two years.
- (4) If any unusually high incidence of respiratory or non-

respiratory tuberculosis occurs in an organised group of children a full investigation of the staff employed should at once be undertaken.

The Minister agrees with these recommendations, and in view of his general responsibility for the public health and his particular concern in measures to combat tuberculosis, is anxious that everything possible shall be done to give effect to them. He asks the Council accordingly to do all they can to have the recommended measures carried out for the protection of groups of children under their care in their capacity as local health authority, including children in day nurseries provided under Section 22 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

It is not expected that local health authorities will have difficulty in carrying out the first and third recommendations the principle of which was embodied, so far as nurseries are concerned, in the Minister's Circular 111/44 issued on August 30th, 1944.

The Council may not find it easy to put into full effect the second recommendation, with regard to group X-ray examination of the staffs concerned, in view of the numbers of persons concerned and the pressure on X-ray facilities; but the Minister is anxious that authorities should do their best to make comprehensive arrangements. The X-ray examinations might be made at hospitals or chest clinics, or through a mass radiography unit, and authorities should consult Regional Hospital Boards as to ways and means of arranging for these examinations. Where arrangements are made for individual examinations at hospitals or chest clinics fees will be payable by the Council (except in the cases arising under (4) above-examination of contacts), but the cost of these will rank for Exchequer grant as expenditure in connection with the prevention of tuberculosis under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act.

## The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

### Final State Examination for the General Part of the Register.

(Female Nurses.)

June, 1950.

#### MEDICINE AND MEDICAL NURSING TREATMENT.

NOTE.—You must answer *THREE* questions and not more than three.

1. What observations and tests may a nurse carry out on the urine? Indicate how these may be of value to the physician in his diagnosis and treatment. (Details of tests are not required.)
2. What may cause vomiting of blood (hæmatemesis)? Describe the medical and nursing care of a patient who has had a severe attack of hæmatemesis.
3. Discuss the measures which may be employed to alleviate pain.
4. Describe the symptoms, complications and treatment of measles.
5. State briefly what you know about:—
  - (a) sigmoidoscopy;
  - (b) allergy;
  - (c) leukæmia;
  - (d) paraldehyde;
  - (e) cirrhosis of the liver.

#### SURGERY AND GYNÆCOLOGY AND SURGICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL NURSING TREATMENT

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