

GOSSIP : of People and Things

Home Service

YOU never can tell what kind of a tight place The Survey will help you out of. At the New Jersey Conference of Social Work last month Walter Kidde, treasurer and at the moment presiding officer, introduced Mollie Condon, Survey representative, with a story of this journal's really distinguished rôle in saving his life. He wakened one fine night to discover a masked burglar going through his clothes. On a bedside table, on top of a pile of Surveys—evidently Mr. Kidde's favorite bedtime reading,—lay the intruder's revolver. Moved by the same impulse, Mr. Kidde and Mr. Burglar sprang for the revolver. But leave it to The Survey! It obligingly slid off the table, taking the gun with it and, if you please, exploding it. Mr. Kidde got his man. Moral: The Survey is indispensable.

THE American League to Abolish Capital Punishment, The Survey's downstairs neighbor, has lost the services of its indefatigable director, Vivian Pierce. Ruth von Roeschlaub, formerly research assistant, is acting executive secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS has a new commissioner of Correction, Francis B. Sayre, appointed by Governor Ely to succeed Dr. A. Warren Stearns. Mr. Sayre, in his late forties, is a professor at the Harvard Law School. Mrs. Sayre is a daughter of Woodrow Wilson.

As a practical economist we commend James H. Hubert of the New York Urban League who beats the three-cent postage rate by cutting off the reservation blank for committee luncheons, dinners and what-not, adding the words, "Will pay at the door," and pasting it on a one-cent postcard.

A SHIFT in the nursing field service of the American Red Cross takes Charlotte M. Heilman from New York state to Washington as assistant national director of Public Health Nursing and Home Hygiene, and takes Helen Bean from Massachusetts to fill Mrs. Heilman's shoes in New York. Helen Gould of the Vermont and New Hampshire territory has dropped New Hampshire and added Massachusetts and Rhode Island to her territory, while Laura Knowlton of Maine has taken on New Hampshire. Ruth Mettinger, who has been covering Georgia and Florida, has added the two Carolinas to her bailiwick.

CHICAGO is losing one of its most esteemed Salvation Army officers, Col. George H. Davis, who goes to San Francisco as chief secretary of the Western Territory. As head of the Salvation Army Training College in Chicago Colonel Davis has attended the commissioning of some two thousand young officers. He has recently acted as field secretary for the Army's Central States Territory.

THE seventh congress of the International Union for the Protection of Children will be held in Paris next summer July 5-9. Dr. D. Lasage of the French Academy of Medicine as chairman of the French Committee, has extended through the U. S. Children's Bureau a

particularly cordial invitation to American social workers to attend and participate. The theme of the Congress will be Government and Welfare, with the program organized into six sections for the discussion of maternity, infancy, children of preschool and school age, adolescence, abnormal childhood and social service. Each section has as its chairman a French physician of distinguished professional rank.

HONORS accumulate for Dr. William Hallock Park, director of the laboratories of the New York City Health Department. He has been chosen to receive the coveted Sedgwick medal of the American Public Health Association, the formal award to be made in the spring. Last spring he was awarded the public welfare medal of the National Academy of Sciences.

JULIA HOPKINS, for two years general secretary of the Richmond Family Service Society, has committed matrimony and as Mrs. Arthur Sackett is making her home in New York.

To show what life on an Indian reservation really is and isn't, the Harmon Foundation is lending aid to the production of a series of ten motion pictures in the making of which Edith Dabb of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. is taking an active part. The pictures will show Indian life without the embellishment of fictional romance and adventure.

New Specialty

WHATEVER a teacher of imperialism may teach, and we haven't the least idea, Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark., seems a funny place to teach it in. But here it is, in the college's own bulletin: "Harold Coy is a teacher of imperialism at Commonwealth College."

MARY CARLOINE CRAWFORD, long active in social-work publicity and money-raising, died recently at her home in Boston.

THE Board of incorporators of the American Red Cross has filled seven vacancies caused by death by electing the following life members: Alfred E. Smith, New York; Mrs. Frederic W. Upham, Chicago; Gen. James G. Harbord, New York; Gurney E. Newlin, Los Angeles; Senator James Couzens, Detroit; Governor Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland; Rear Admiral Cary D. Grayson, Washington.

FRIENDS of Lillian D. Wald of The House in Henry Street, are rejoicing at the news of her steady convalescence from a recent severe illness.

FROM Prof. Francis H. Bird of the University of Cincinnati comes the not-so-good news that the Cincinnati Permanent Committee for the Stabilization of Employment has been merged with a new organization, the Hamilton County Relief Committee, which acts in an advisory capacity to the county commissioners on all matters concerned with relief. As far back as 1929 [see A Going Plan for Steady Jobs by Ruth Brownlow, The Survey, December 15, 1929, page 330] The Survey cheered this com-

mittee for its undertakings. That its distinctive long-range program for dealing with the continuing problem of unemployment in community terms should be lost in the emergency relief programs seems just too bad.

EMPLOYEES of Grasslands Hospital, Westchester County, N. Y., have formed an organization for which they hope to recruit 100 per cent membership, to "promote the welfare and well-being of both employes and patients and to carry on a cultural and recreational program for the employes in their hours off duty." Dr. W. B. Morris is president and Miss T. B. Hayes secretary. . . . Grasslands has a new doctor in its tuberculosis department, Dr. Robert Franklin, formerly of Loomis Sanitarium. His chief duties are with adult patients and outside clinic work.

"Who Gives Quickly Gives Twice"

AT the recent fiftieth anniversary meeting of the New York Charity Organization Society Lawson Purdy told a story of the late Otto T. Bannard, for many years vice-president of the society, whose quick, whimsical wit was a delight to his friends as his quick and frequent generosity was to the many social agencies to which he contributed. At a meeting of the Century Association Henry deForest Baldwin, its treasurer, made an earnest plea for money for some purpose or other and wound up with, "*Bis dat qui cito dat.*" Most of the gentlemen present looked a little bewildered, but like a flash Mr. Bannard came back, "Yes, I have always noticed it."

THE Brooklyn Federation of Churches has lost its executive secretary, Rev. Wilbour E. Saunders, whom it acquired less than a year ago on the death of Rev. Frederick M. Gordon. Mr. Saunders has been appointed secretary of the Rochester Federation of Churches, succeeding Rev. Orlo J. Price.

WHEN Homer Folks makes a compliment it is no faint one. "H. Ida Curry and George A. Nelbach have changed the map of New York State," said he at the dinner given in honor of the twenty-five years Miss Curry and Mr. Nelbach have been on the staff of the New York State Charities Aid Association. More than a hundred staff and alumni heard John A. Kingsbury tell of his observations of public-health work in Russia, saw Miss Curry and Mr. Nelbach receive gifts, and united in garlanding Ruth Taylor with congratulations on her election as commissioner of public welfare of Westchester County. Miss Taylor, it will be recalled, began her career as one of Miss Curry's girls.

KATHERINE DEWITT, one of the old-line stalwarts of the nursing profession, who has been identified with its growth and progress since her graduation from the Illinois Training School in 1891, has resigned from the staff of the American Journal of Nursing and after a year of travel will retire to her home in Poughkeepsie. She has been associated with the Journal since 1907 and has figured in most of the major events of nursing history.

THE Anna Garlin Spencer Memorial Committee is asking for the loan of letters, clippings and other material relating to the life of the late Mrs. Spencer, whose long career included leadership in such movements as social hygiene,

suffrage, peace, the training of social workers, liberal theology, religious education, race equality, the international organization of women, divorce and family solidarity and social education. Dr. Benjamin R. Andrews, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, will appreciate the loan of any material which will contribute to a fuller knowledge of Mrs. Spencer's career which extended from 1870 to 1931.

Nurses' Notebooks

A SUPERVISOR of the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service brightened a recent staff meeting by the tale of a mother who explained that she hadn't yet named her six-weeks-old baby because "We wanted to name her Dorothy but this paper from the Board of Health, I guess you call it a birth certificate or something, has a name on it that looks like Female and we don't much care for that name."

Not to be outdone another nurse brought in treasure trove in the form of a letter sent to explain the writer's absence from a meeting of a Mothers' Club. "Dear Mis Nurs," it read, "Is acuse me I canno go to meet forcause my husband died before yesterday at nine oclock. Maybe I go nex week bicaus everything is alrite now."

Then there was the woman at Mulberry Health Center who told the nurse that a certain rather agitated patient "does lots of funny motions with her nerves," and the other who reported of her offspring "Would you believe it nurse, before I could get that child home he had an emulsion right on the street."

THE District of Columbia Social Hygiene Society, looking about for a successor to Paul L. Benjamin as its executive secretary, has made the happy choice of Ray H. Everett, for eleven years with the American Social Hygiene Association as director of its division of public information and editor of its journal.

OXFORD University has long shown its sentiment to what is yeasty and stirring in the intellectual life of countries overseas. The trait has had no more happy illustration than the recent appointment of Prof. Felix Frankfurter of the Harvard Law School to the George Eastman visiting professorship. Professor Frankfurter goes to Oxford in succession to Dr. Wesley C. Mitchell of Columbia who has pushed out horizons in economics with a kindred insurgent spirit.

W. FRANK PERSONS, after a browse in other but apparently not greener pastures; has returned to his first love, social work, and has joined the staff of the American Public Welfare Association with headquarters in Chicago. His first assignment was a quick study of the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration.

GAY B. SHEPPARDSON, president of the Georgia State Conference of Social Work, has been promoted to the full title of executive secretary of the State Department of Public Welfare of which she has been acting head since last March.

It was at the Maine State Conference that The Survey cast a small candle gleam. "You will be interested to know," (and we certainly were) writes Sara P. Anthoine, general secretary of the Family Welfare Society of Portland, "that the conference considered the statute providing for the disfranchisement of citizens

because of so called pauper aid. The Survey's illuminating editorial on the subject was quoted in the discussion [see As Maine Went, The Survey, October 15, 1932, page 498]. The matter was referred to the legislative committee which will prepare an amendment to be introduced in the legislature this winter."

THE Chicago Council of Social Agencies has a new committee on statistics and research which will advise the Council's Statistical Bureau and consider problems involving research which are referred to the Bureau. Samuel A. Goldsmith is chairman. All of which has moved Helen Cody Baker to burst into song appropriately yclept, Statistics:

With swear or prayer we tear our hair
When bidden to compile them,
We toil and toil, burn midnight oil
And earnestly revile them.
We seldom send them in on time,
We almost never read them,
But when the Welfare Drive begins
My Glory! How we need them!

THE Survey proudly discovered itself as No. 7 in a list of periodicals for the library of a child-guidance clinic, arranged in order of magnitude of importance by Dr. R. L. Jenkins of the Juvenile Research Institute of Chicago on the basis of citations in Child Development Abstracts, the Bibliography on Mental Hygiene, and a canvass of votes of the staff of the Institute. All the journals ahead of it were technical or semi-technical publications in the medical or mental-hygiene field. The vote of the Institute's staff rated it even higher—No. 4—preceded only by Mental Hygiene, the American Journals of Orthopsychiatry and Psychiatry and the Journal of Juvenile Research.

Good to the Last Shirt

JOHN D. KENDERDINE'S clothes rated headlines recently in a Rochester, N. Y., newspaper. The story goes that J. D. K., who part-times these days between The Survey and the Children's Theater, dropped in to see his old friend Oscar W. Kuolt of the Rochester Council of Social Agencies. Mr. Kuolt, it seems, never stands on ceremony when it comes to getting clothes for people who, he knows, need them. Fixing J. D. K. with a firm eye he said, "John, I need that overcoat." J. D. K. clutched his overcoat around him and escaped. But a fortnight later Mr. Kuolt got the overcoat by mail from New York.

When J. D. K. was next in Rochester he again dropped in on his friend. "John," said Mr. Kuolt, "I need that suit you've got on." "Not on your life," snapped J. D. K. But again came a package from New York with the suit.

Just how many trips to Rochester J. D. K.'s wardrobe will stand no one but he knows. But at this moment he is roaming around The Survey office with a full complement of clothes.

BART ANDRESS, who last spring initiated the United Education Program of the National Social Work Council, and has had a finger in a good many important publicity-pies, local and national, has been appointed director of finance and extension of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Bureau of Charities.

THE distaff side of several New York hospital staffs have undergone recent mutations. Isabelle Dennison, recently case-work supervisor with the Brooklyn International Institute of the Y. W. C. A., is now director of social service

at the Brooklyn Hospital. Lila Napier for ten years superintendent of nurses at the Lying-In Hospital, now a unit of the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center, has gone to a similar position at Bronx Hospital. Kattrine Collins, recently with the Welfare Council and before that connected with Massachusetts General Hospital, is now chief social worker with the House of St. Giles the Cripple, Brooklyn.

THE Boys' Clubs of America have chosen Chicago for their next annual meeting some time in June.

JOSHUA LIEBERMAN, founder of Pioneer Youth and for some time a teacher in the Walden School, has been appointed head-worker at Madison House, New York. He succeeds Bernard Ostrolenk who varied his settlement duties with work for The New York Times and who has now decided to give journalism full preference.

MANY a man, weary and heavy laden, will hear with personal sorrow of the death of Col. Charles C. Welte who for thirty-three years has been associated with the Salvation Army's social-service work for men, for the past six as head of the department in the Army's eastern territory. His death is attributed to overwork, persisted in against the advice of his physician.

TUCKED away in a little bulletin of the New York School of Social Work is word of the retirement from the full-time faculty of Kate Holladay Claghorn and Henry W. Thurston, with the School since 1912, and George W. Kirchwey, there since 1917.

VERMONT has a new state Social Hygiene Council with Dr. Charles F. Dalton, commissioner of health, as its president and Harold W. Slocum of the State Tuberculosis Association as its secretary.

THE Chicago Chapter of the American Association of Social Workers steps up with a pungent series of Whereases and Be It Resolveds urging legislative action to permit the state of Illinois to secure funds from the R.F.C. to "replace crowded, unsanitary and unsuitable provision for family life by adequate, sanitary and decent living accommodations."

FROM the forehanded Howard R. Knight comes the glad tidings that the Detroit meeting of the National Conference of Social Work next June will all be under the one spacious roof of the Masonic Temple. The hotels are about fifteen minutes' walk distant, but everything except sleeping will happen at the Temple.

State Conferences Elect

New Jersey Conference of Social Work: PRESIDENT, Jessie P. Condit, East Orange; VICE-PRESIDENTS, Mrs. Otto H. Wittppenn (since deceased), David Fales, Jr.; TREASURER, Walter Kidde, Montclair; SECRETARY, Maud Bryan Foote, Newark.

Nebraska State Conference: PRESIDENT, Louis W. Horne, Lincoln; TREASURER, Melanie Gaines, Lincoln; SECRETARY, Edith Dumont Smith, Omaha.

Iowa State Conference: PRESIDENT, Ina Tyler, Iowa City; TREASURER, Mrs. Merton Skelly; SECRETARY, Florence Porter, Des Moines.

Maine Conference of Social Welfare: PRESIDENT, Norman McDonald, Augusta; VICE-PRESIDENTS, Rev. Ashley Day Smith, Bangor, Sara P. Anthoine, Portland; TREASURER, Elizabeth Leslie, Augusta; SECRETARY, Edith I. Huston, Portland.

Illinois Conference on Social Welfare: PRESIDENT, Rodney H. Brandon, Springfield; VICE-PRESIDENTS, Jacob Kepecs, Chicago; Judge Harry Rock, Ottawa; Agnes Van Driel, Chicago; SECRETARY-TREASURER, Olive H. Chandler; MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Mrs. John T. Mason, Wilfred S. Reynolds.