The Convalescent Homes Association has recently made an attempt to obtain from the Parks Committee of the London County Council one or more of their mansions in public parks for this purpose, but without success. The appeal of the Lord Mayor does not quite touch the case of chronic surgical ailments in children. It is rather made for an equally needy class—those children who are crippled and deformed as the results of past disease. Admirable as the effort is, and thoroughly as it deserves success, it does not touch the class of children who are suffering from chronic diseases, convalescent, though not yet healed. The Convalescent Homes Association have made, and are still making, an attempt to relieve these. We are, sir,

Your faithfully,

W. S. CHURSK (Chairman).
M. O. FITZGERALD } (Hon. Secs.).
S. H. HABERSHON }

THE LIABILITY OF HOSPITAL COMMITTEES UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—As, doubtless, has been the case with the governing bodies of all hospitals throughout the Kingdom, the Managing Committee of this Institution has had under consideration the question above referred to, and they would be glad to know whether the responsible authorities of the large Metropolitan or Provincial hospitals intend taking concerted action in this connection.

Apart from the question of liability to domestic servants under the new Act, the existence of which there would seem to be but little doubt, the far weightier question arises as to a hospital committee's responsibility, under that Act, in regard to salaried servants, such as the resident medical officers, the nursing staff, whether employed in the hospital or in nursing cases outside, the dispensers and their assistants, and the office staff.

May I ask you, Sir, kindly to find space in your valued columns for this letter, and to invite the opinion of experts in such matters on the important subject to which it relates.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

CHAS. W. DICKINSON, Secretary.

Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, February 25, 1907.

THE LATE DR. SCHORSTEIN AND MEDICAL EDUCATION.

SIR,—We shall be grateful if you will spare us space to advocate simultaneously the claims of medical education at the London Hospital Medical College and a memorial to one of the most prominent physicians at that college.

The colleagues and friends of the late Dr. Schorstein are anxious to perpetuate his memory by the endowment of an advanced course of lectures in clinical medicine, which it has long been recognised is one of the greatest needs of the medical school. It is not intended to create by this a course to form part of the ordinary school curriculum, but rather something on the lines of the endowed lectureships at the Royal College of Physicians, such as the Gouldstonian.

It is proposed that a course or courses of three or four lectures be given by a physician to be elected by the governing body of the school. The number of lectures and the remuneration will be determined by the amount of the money raised; but we wish to make clear (1) that the election to the lectureship will be regarded as a professional distinction; (2) that due notice will be given, so as to afford the lecturer ample time to prepare a discourse worthy of the subject and of the man in whose memory it is given.

Subscriptions, large or small, may be sent to the Hon. Secretaries of the Fund: Dr. Cholmeley, 11 Portland Place, W.; Dr. Cecil Wall, 6 Cavendish Place, W., or to the Manager, Barclay's Bank, 27 Cavendish Square, W. They will be acknowledged on a numbered receipt form; but no list of either donors or amounts will be published, as this, it is felt, would have been in accordance with Dr. Schorstein's wish.

Dr. Cecil Wall will be pleased to supply further details of the scheme on application. We remain, yours truly,

Samuel Montagu, Lewis McIver, C. H. Dorking,
Stephen Mackenzie, William Osler, Percy Kidd.

London Hospital Medical College, Whitechapel, E.

THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS.

NEW ANALYSIS LEDGER.

IN accordance with the requirements of the King's Fund the modifications of this system of accounts, involving new books, will have come into force on January 1 last. It is very desirable to minimise the cost to the hospitals as much as possible. With this object in view, the Scientific Press (28 and 29 Southampton Street, W.C.) have prepared a new Analysis Ledger, ruled in accordance with, and adapted to the requirements of, the new index and classification recently adopted by King Edward's Hospital Fund, and the Hospital Saturday and Hospital Sunday Funds. The ledger is bound in half basil, is printed and ruled on good paper, so as to make it in every way a serviceable book for hospital use. The price—32s. 6d.—is very moderate owing to the printing of the large number of copies, and should ensure a substantial sale.

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