

## PROPOSED BRITISH LEGISLATION FOR THE CHILD OF THE UNMARRIED MOTHER

As the legal position of the unmarried mother and her child is worse in England than in any other country in Europe, several societies interested have combined their forces for the purpose of obtaining legislation.

The principal provisions of the draft Bill are: that every illegitimate child should be made a ward of court; that the mother, on notifying the birth of the child, should name to the registrar the man alleged to be the father.

The registrar would then communicate with the clerk of the court, and a notice would be served on the putative father, inviting him to call upon the collecting office. If he admits paternity, the child will be registered in the name of the father, as well as that of the mother.

In respect to this proposed legislation, Mr. Parr, in his recent speech at the Kingsway Hall, London, said that, in his opinion, "the passing of such bill would do more than anything else to educate public opinion in the matter."

As indicating the views of the Local Government Board on the question of the maintenance of the illegitimate infant, the following statement recently sent to the Ilford District Council, is of interest:

"In the Board's view it is important for the health and welfare both of the mother and the child that the child should be kept with the mother if practicable, and the Board would be glad to know whether the child could be kept with the mother at home in this case instead of being placed with a foster-mother, if the Council contributed to its support."—*C.A.H.*

### CALCIUM CHLORIDE AS A HEMOSTATIC

Editor, *The Canada Lancet*,

DEAR SIR,—Hemorrhage after tonsilectomy is a very annoying incident and one which is difficult to control. The same remark applies to bleeding after the removal of polypi of the nose. I have used calcium chloride on many occasions, sometimes before operation as a preventive and occasionally after operation. The results have been uniformly satisfactory but I have often wished for some quicker mode of administration than by the mouth. I notice the report of a case of tonsillar bleeding after operation in the *British Medical Journal* of Nov. 8th in which the operator injected hypodermically in the gluteous muscle four grains of calcium chloride, 1 part in 4, and repeated the dose in half an hour with excellent results. This is a clinical fact worth noting.

Yours faithfully,

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