

psychological sequelae, all require regular medical consideration and attention. The text and the references provided by Drs. Hampers and Schupak adequately cover these. The place of kidney transplantation in a dialysis programme is also discussed, but undue emphasis is given to the risk of transplantation and too little to the advantages and, equally important, the complementary aspects of the two techniques.

Generally speaking, the format and style of writing are exemplary, but on occasions the reader will have cause to be reminded that good English does not always seem to take the same style and form on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Homes for Unmarried Mothers

Mother and Baby Homes. A Survey of Homes for Unmarried Mothers. By Jill Nicholson. (Pp. 156. £1 10s.) London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd. 1968.

This book will be welcomed by all workers in the health and welfare services. It is the first study published in this country of the mother and baby homes which provide residential care before, during (sometimes), and after the birth of their baby for some 12,000 of the 70,000 unmarried mothers who annually require help. Sponsored by the

National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, and grant-aided by the Gulbenkian Foundation and the Ministry of Health, the study was carried out by three social workers, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. M. Washburn, and Mrs. E. Wilson.

Little factual information concerning the homes was available. There is no central register and, although a few local authorities run their own establishments, the majority are conducted by voluntary organizations. From various sources the team compiled a national list of 172 homes. Since it was not possible to carry out detailed inspections of them all, the team selected two geographical areas (one in the north and one in the south of England) and visited all the homes in both areas, a total of 26. There are no required standards of accommodation, and provisions regarding quality of residential care, staffing equipment, and medical supervision varied considerably. During their visits members of the team interviewed mothers (in small groups), matrons, and other staff, social workers, and members of management committees. After the personal discussions, written information in the form of questionnaires was requested from the mothers individually. Much material was thus collected concerning the scope and use of the homes, the age range and social background of the "residents," the daily programme of work, rest, and recreation, diet, domestic arrangements and furnishings; also the rules regarding personal behaviour, outings, letters, visitors, and relationship of residents with

staff and with each other. Finally the number and qualifications of staff, arrangements for medical care of mothers and infants, religious practices, and social care provisions were noted.

The team concluded that while there is still need for mother and baby homes, their present uncertainty of direction and function must be resolved if they are to give an adequate service. The need for experienced social workers and regular psychiatric advice is particularly stressed. The team advocate central registration and inspection, since no single local authority contains a sufficient number of homes for its own visiting staff to acquire expertise in this field.

The report is a knowledgeable, sincere, and compassionate social document, but the medical reader may find in it a certain lack of appreciation of important medical aspects of the residential care of this very vulnerable group of young mothers and infants. There is little detailed information concerning arrangements for the antenatal supervision, labour, and postnatal examination of mothers, liaison with the health visitor (who is hardly mentioned), and for the continuing paediatric or clinic supervision of babies who return home with their mothers or who are placed for adoption. The book is well produced and carefully annotated. It concludes with a most useful and up-to-date reference list. Future editions should be provided with an index.

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