THE BABY

W HAT does the baby ask of you, Passer-by in the street?
Only the gift of a thought from you, Only the gift of a look from you At the road before his feet. Is it smooth and clean and lit, say you, Fit for the baby's feet?

What does the baby say to you, You who pay no heed? He begs for the right of living with you, Begs for the help of a hand from you,— What he begs is but his meed Will the hands and the help be ready

from you, Serving the baby's need?

What does the baby give to you, Man whose vision is dim? He gives you the sun to lighten your

He gives you new hope for each dark

Have you paid your debt to him? Have you smoothed his path and guided his way,-Guarded and shielded him?

What does the baby keep for you— You whose need is vast? He keeps faith and hope and joy for

Comfort and hope and love for you-In his tiny hand held fast, Are you earning the gifts he is keeping for you-

You who are going past? Mary Wills West.

THE BABY WEEK PROGRAM

A Few Suggestions for Community Baby Week

ALL over this broad country the week beginning March 4 is set aside as Baby Week. People everywhere are doing something. Do not let your community be behind. Unite with the young people, the church societies, everybody, and have a fine campaign for one whole week-then write it up, send it to us and let us tell the rest of the country what you have done.

If you cannot do much de little: if no one will cooperate do something yourself. Let it be a grand, blessed, wholesome week, long to be remembered.

Monday-A committee of women visit the dependent babies in the county home and other places, and see if they Take a young people's committee with you, if there be such a club.

Tuesday—Each person see what she has

suitable for these and sew for them at home in groups or in cooperation with the young people's club.

Wednesday—Ask the doctors and dentists to give a medical examination of each school in the county.

Thursday-Club meeting jointly with the young people.

Program

Five-minute papers or talks:—
1. When is a child well born? The care of the prospective mother. What to do until the doctor comes. How much does a normal baby develop?

What, when and how to feed the baby? (by a doctor or other expert). 6. Some common but serious disorders—sleeplessness, cross-eyes, knock-knees, bow-

legs, ear-ache, colds, croup, burns, thumb-sucking, etc. Their cause and cure. Free Literature—Write to your state board of health and ask them for help on your subject.

The Progressive Farmer will give all the aid possible. The following are a few of the articles recently published on The Woman's Page:

Give the Baby Fresh Air-December 25, A Child With a Cold Cannot Thrive-December 11, 1915.

Baby Contests Are Doing Wonderful Work—September 18, 1915. Correcting the Faults of Children—Sep-tember 18, 1915.

Be Sure the Baby Sleeps Enough—September 18, 1915.

Two Mothers Ask How to Register Their Children's Births-June 5, 1915. Feeding the Baby That Is Learning to Walk—May 15, 1915.
Register the Birth of Your Baby—April

Make a Pen for Your Baby—April 24, 1915.

Mothers and Teachers Make or Mar a Child's Love of Home Duties—April 10, 1915.

"Her Baby Died" (poem)—March 27, 1915.

Advantages of Stoves Over Fireplaces for Baby's Comfort—February 26, 1915.

"Baby Killers" (patent medicines)—January 9, 1915. ary 9, 1915.

The New-born Baby—January 8, 1916.
The Baby's Sleep—January 29, 1916.
The Baby's Sleep—January 29, 1916.
Proper Weight, Height, etc., of Baby at Different Ages—February 12, 1916.
Aliments of Children—February 12, 1916.
The Baby's Exercise—February 26, 1916.
The Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., has a series of bulletins on bables. Ask for them all.

"Your Baby" (a guide for young mothers), by Dr. E. B. Lowry, Publishers, Forbes & Co., Chicago, Ill.
"The Care and Feeding of Children," by
Dr Holt. Publishers, Appleton & Co., New
York

"Short Talks With Young Mothers," by Dr. Kerley, Publishers, Geo. Putriam & Sons,

"Care of Children," by Dr. Cotton, Published by American School of Home Elevenomics, Chicago, Ili.

"Study of Child Life," by Washburne, published by American School of Home Eco-nomics, Chicago.

"Educating the Child at Home." by Ella Lynch, published by Harper Bros., New

I think each of these books costs \$1.25. Friday—Spend the afternoon studying what some authority says about babies. Do not let the day pass without taking each little child on your knee, telling him or her you love her, that home would not be such a good place without her, and what you hope to do for her education. Let it be a heart-to-heart talk, and may the day mean one of great understanding and sympathy, you for the child and the child for you.

This is the best day of the whole week.

Saturday—The Young People's Club give
a play, the proceeds to go for school equipment for the tiny folks, clothes for the little poor ones, or to bring experts to lecture on child problems.

Following are a few suggested plays:
"The Suffragette Baby," six female characters; price 15 cents. Published by Penn Publishing Co., 925 Filbert St., Philadel-

"Nigger Baby," a monologue, published by Penn Publishing Co. "That Blessed Baby." two characters,

published by Penn Publishing Co.
"Babes in the Wood," ten males and three females; price 15 cents. Published by Walter H. Baker & Co., 5 Hamilton Place, Boston, Mass.

Suggestions for March

AVE you made all your lace, tat-I ting, etc., for the summer clothes?

Have you the children's underwear all ready for the approaching warm

The garden has plenty in it, I hope. The lettuce should be heading, the early greens looking their brightest, and the carrots, parsnips, oyster plant, etc., doing duty by way of va-

Take a look at the strawberry

Plant the privet hedge and the nut

Since the hens are laying well have plenty of baked custards, rice and bread puddings, with plenty of milk, eggs, and big fat raisins. Angel food cakes are white of egg, therefore protein, therefore body building. Having no grease, it is less harmful for children than butter cakes.

Swat every fly! Swat them now. I never saw so many winter flies before, and each one means something like 22,000 next summer. Swat them!

Open the windows in the middle of the day.

Open the bedroom windows at night to avoid grippe and colds.

Keep the baby out of the room when you dust or sweep. Whooping cough germs may be in the curtains.

Give a little extra thought to variety in food. The appetite often flags towards spring.

The more greens eaten this month the less medicine next month, and less exhaustion during the hot months.

Spinach, turnip salad, cabbage salad, collards and all canned vegetables are splendid just now for supplying. mineral salts.

Be sure to take your part in helping some baby, or babies, during the coming week.

Make the most of your home reading circle.

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