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After the football match about a score of pupils gave an excellent gymnastic display under the superintendence of Ib. Effendi Salama, the drill instructor. The events, which included Indian clubs, parallel bars, and the "horse," evoked quite as much enthusiasm as the football match itself.

There was a huge gathering of spectators, amongst them being Mahmoud Pasha Sidky, Governor of Alexandria, Ismail Pasha Yekem, the judge of the Mehkemeh Sharieh, and other well-known Alexandrians. The headmaster, Ismail Bey Hassanein, and his staff looked well after the comfort of the visitors.

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The following is the list of prizes awarded at Sunday's "Corso":—

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2nd Prizes.

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M. Bacher—Victoria.

SUNDAY CLOSING AT CAIRO.

The Sunday closing movement is growing in force in Egypt. A few days ago we announced that at Alexandria the efforts of the International Employés' Society to bring before the public, as well as the employers, the necessity for one day's respite from work during the week, had met with considerable success, and that from the middle of last month, the principal fancy-goods dealers, jewellers, stationers, etc., in Alexandria had decided to close their establishments on Sunday, thus setting free their employés for the day. Cairo is following the example set by Alexandria and from the 1st inst. until the end of October all the ready-made clothing and tailoring establishments in the Capital will be closed on Sundays. This is the first time that this class of tradesmen have joined the movement, and it is a very generous act considering that so many of them are Jews. The following firms have issued a notice to the effect: Walker and Meimarachi, P. Plunkett (Au De Rouge), Moh. Abdel Kalek El Ecandarani, Mohamed Hebeichi El Masri, Youssef & Ahmed El Gammal, Karam & Salagh, Mohamed Seoudi, Mustapha Sabri, Gandour Frères, Dagher Frères, Ibrahim Nasra, Ibrahim El Maoirdi, Maison Adli, Francis Khousam, Antoine Bestavros, Naoum Baracat, Asnavorian, Madkour Frères, Madkour, Paches (au petit Bénéfice), A. E. Maroun (Louvre Egyptien), Comptoir Belge, Au Progrès, Ex Unanimo, America House, A l'Innovation, Poppel (à la grande Concurrence), Matatia, A la Confiance, F. Francès, Alexandre Aviamidis, Ex. Pétôt Naccache & Calmus, Au petit Bazar M. Cicurel, S. S. Sednaoui, D. A. Salhani.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We do not hold ourselves for the responsible opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

INFANT MORTALITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—May I be allowed a say in this discussion too! It is a subject that has interested me much since I came out here 2½ years ago. I am a mother and a householder, my Arab servants are all married, and all three have lost most of their children, all under six years, almost entirely through gross ignorance and an absolute horror of European (Christian) advice or help. From *my* knowledge of the mother, the babies die of starvation; if a native woman is unable to feed her baby, or her milk is too poor, or suddenly stops, she is absolutely helpless as to what to do, and if she can't or don't procure a foster-mother the infant will of course die. I hear many children are injured and often (as I know) die, through their parents quarelling with their relatives, who all live with them, and hundreds die of colds, which could easily be cured if taken in time. May I give a humble suggestion? I fear no Government rules would save the enormous loss of infant life, any more than muzzling all the dogs in Cairo would prevent owerless cure from biting their muzzied betters! No, only *native* ladies can help their poorer sisters. There are good native women doctors in our hospitals; could the Government not institute classes for these better-educated women and get *them* to go and visit these poor ignorant women? Of course these ladies would have to pass an elementary examination (as I suppose their sister doctors do) in medicine, infant feeding, and cleanliness. The Kherdivah is a mother; can she do nothing, or her numerous ladies in waiting, and many more Turkish and Syrian mothers, wealthy and idle too? I believe in the Kasr-el-Ainy Hospital foods are used almost solely for the babies; why can't such foods,—Frame food, Horlick's and many others not too expensive—be got for the poor native mothers, and they be taught how to use it? I can only say my 'suffragi' (a married boy) takes the keenest interest over the rearing of my baby's food, and all we do for him. From personal knowledge I find the 'aitt' is far more prejudiced and ignorant than her husband, over civilised ways and doings. My servant tried hard to get his wife to take her children to our hospital; she refused, and within a few weeks they both died from drastic wrong treatment from a native. A fine little boy from a cold which developed into pneumonia, the baby from starvation and wrong feeding through loss of milk. Surely this is not a difficult answer to your letters (partly from unmarried men surely!) on 'Infant Mortality.' I am, etc.,

A BRITISH MOTHER.

Cairo, February 5.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Humanity" in his letter of last Friday makes some extraordinary assertions which tend to throw doubt on his claim to be well acquainted with the English mother. I think he would not find it easy to prove his statement that "it is common thing amongst the poorer classes in England for infants to be reared upon fried fish washed down with gin." Indeed, I am afraid he would have some difficulty in escaping from rather rough handling it he ventured to utter such a statement in the hearing of the mothers he so traduces.

For many years my work lay among the East-end of London poor, in connection with Dr. Barnardo's institutions for destitute children, and I must say, although I became acquainted with much ill-treatment of children by drunken mothers who, poor creatures, could not be called accountable for their actions, that in the vast majority of cases infants—even illegitimate ones—were treated as natural maternal instincts would dictate.

Of ignorance as to proper treatment of infants there undoubtedly was plenty of evidence, but the "fried fish and gin" diet I certainly never heard mentioned. It is a pity that such reckless statements are flung about.—I am, etc.,

T. A.

Alexandria, February 5.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Dear Sir,—As a true-born Englishman I protest against the remarks made by your correspondent "Humanity." I have travelled in every part of England and frequently mixed among the poorer classes, and I can safely say that ninety-nine per cent. of English mothers dearly love their children and are very careful as to the proper feeding of them. "Humanity" may have read or heard of a case where a child died through being given fish and gin, but to try and make foreigners believe that English mothers are careless of their children is as far from the truth as I am from the North Pole.

Our Army and Navy don't look like men who have been brought up on fish and gin and we are still able to say:—

There's the pluck and muscle
And whenever there's a tussle
We can alwa s hold our own,
Says old John Bull.

This is my first and last letter, as I have no wish to open up a correspondence. My sole object is to try and convince hundreds of friends I have made among foreigners, that English parents love and look after their children as well as any nation in the world.

Thanking you in anticipation,—I am, etc.,

T. TOOKEY,
Father of the Tookey family.

Norland Cottage, Bulkeley, February 6.

ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPALITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—I quite agree with the very sensible remarks contained in your issue of Saturday concerning the arbitrary methods of the Alexandria Municipal Delegation, which is, as you say, all-powerful. The Commission, on which I have the honor to sit, is only consulted such information on municipal affairs as the Delegation deems fit to put before it, and the information is generally so effectively "cooked" that it throws little light on the subject concerned. The printed reports of the proceedings at the Delegation meetings, again, scarcely ever reach us before they are a fortnight old, and we simply vote to the best of our understanding on what has been put before us. It seems to me that it would be a simple matter to let us have the report of each Delegation meeting within 48 hours. I cannot but re-affirm what I have several times said. We shall never be able to carry on the public business of the town successfully until the Press is admitted to the meetings of the Municipality. Otherwise it is a hopeless task, owing to the enormous amount of valuable time which is frittered away in endless and superfluous oratory. As proposed by me, and seconded by M. Escoffier, Abani Bey, and Said Bey, at a recent meeting, it would not be a bad idea to have phonographs in the council chamber to accurately record the speeches of the councillors.—I am, etc.,

G. B. ALDERSON.

Norland House, Bulkeley, February 6.

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