

THOSE of my readers who take an interest in physical culture—and everyone of course should—and who wish to see an exceedingly interesting and pretty display, should write for tickets (one shilling each only) for a "Musical Drill," by members of the St. Bride's Club for Young Women, to be held on Wednesday evening next at 8.15 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E.C., where tickets may be obtained.

THERE was a large attendance last Friday, at the last meeting of the R.B.N.A. for this session. Dr. HEYWOOD SMITH read an excellent paper on Gynæcological Nursing, which was listened to with much interest. There was as usual, however, very little discussion, though what it lacked in quantity was well-made up in quality; Dr. and Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, Miss STEWART, of St. Bartholomew's, Miss E. J. R. LANDALE and Miss WOOD, making interesting speeches, upon the three points suggested by Dr. SMITH—Should there be two Nurses or only one, for cases of abdominal section? Should Nurses have general training before a special one? and are Ladies' Committees advisable for our Hospitals? I believe that Mr. EDITOR is referring to the subject elsewhere, and so there no necessity for me to discuss it further.

I WENT to a festive gathering at the Nurses' Hostel, in Percy Street, last Thursday, in order to hear its objects and work explained. On entering I was presented with a programme which I shall religiously preserve, for it is the most remarkable document of its kind which I have ever seen. It was evidently "duplicated" by some process by an amateur, because nearly every sixth letter was a blot, and at least one word in four was undecipherable.

I SHOULD have been glad to have heard why we had met together, what we were trying to do, and why we were trying to do it; but the room in which the meeting was held was small and painfully crowded, and apparently no provision was made for the Press, so I could get no farther than the passage. Even there, I and other inquiring spirits might have heard something of the eloquence inside, and thereby learnt something of the subject, but for a young person in spectacles, who insisted upon making disjointed remarks—apparently quotations from a French grammar—at frequent intervals, on her own account. So at last, in despair, I came away. If anyone will favour me with a report of what the meeting was about and what it did, I shall be very glad to give it space in this column, because I am in cordial sympathy with the idea of the Hostel, as I understand it. S. G.

## Post-Card Examination.

WE are pleased to announce that in the *thirty-sixth* of this series of examination questions—

"How would you prepare a patient for Ovariectomy?"

Miss R. H. DE TEISSIER CROSSE, whose card we reproduce, has secured the prize of a book or books to the value of five shillings:—

*Miss R. H. de Teissier Cross -  
General Infirmary - Asyl - Buxton.*

*How would you prepare a patient for ovariectomy?*

*The patient should be kept quiet in bed and have a simple nourishing diet for three or four days previously, and if sufficiently strong should have a warm bath daily. She should be kept cheerful & not allowed to become depressed - An aperient - Castor Oil ʒi to ʒiʒ - should be given the night before & an enema of soap & water administered about four hours before the operation and the bladder must always be emptied by the catheter just before the operation. The patient should have no solid food, but a pint of good beef tea three or four hours previously & if suffering from debility - Brand's ʒii to ʒiii may be injected by the rectum shortly before the anaesthetic is given - The abdomen should be well sponged with Carbolic lotion 1 in 40. The patient must be warmly clad & should wear a flannel dressing gown & flannel stockings reaching to the thighs; the clothing may be so arranged as to allow the whole surface of the abdomen to be fully & readily exposed at the same time keeping the patient warm - She should lie on a firm table with the legs hanging over one end, allowing the feet to rest on a stool conveniently placed for the purpose.*

*I am a subscriber.*

The following have gained "HONOURABLE MENTION":—

NURSE REDDOCH, L.O.S.  
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