

Army. The battle which the minute man began became a national conflict, out of which a new nation was to arise.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

E. W.—1. The hospital you mention cannot be considered a general hospital, as no men are admitted. The Matron or Secretary alone can give you the information you require. 2. The London District Nurses of the Bible Women and Nurses' Mission are doing a great deal of good work amongst the very poor; it is a truly charitable society, and the nurses are now well trained. The Hon. Secretary, 2, Adelphi Terrace, Strand, will give you further information.

Private Nurse.—We regret that your surmises are true; old visitors are being influenced to injure the institution. But such conduct must be condemned by all honourable nurses. We have no doubt you will have a real happy time.

Not Certificated, Norwich.—The Bill for the State Registration of Nurses provides for a time of grace when *bond-fide* nurses of good character can claim to be registered. No injustice will be done to existing interests. But why not get a certificate, as you are so young? We should strongly advise it. Get Miss L. L. Dock's book, *Materia Medica for Nurses*, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 24, Bedford Street, Strand. It is indispensable to nurses.

District Midwife.—Cephalhæmatoma is not a common condition. It is caused by an effusion of blood beneath the pericranium of newly-born infants; it differs from the *caput succedaneum*, in which the œdematous swelling is caused by effusion due to pressure, and which is external to the pericranium. A cephalhæmatoma never extends over a suture, although the condition may be present on either side of one.

Miss Evans.—You would find the knowledge acquired in the course of qualifying for the position of sanitary inspector always of use to you in your nursing career. The Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, W., would give you information as to classes.

Would-be Probationer.—The time spent on gaining a knowledge of shorthand would by no means be wasted. It would be most useful to you in taking notes of lectures during your hospital training.

Sister G.—The new Virnot veiling can only be obtained at Garrould's, Edgware Road, W., price 2s. 11d. per yard, 34 in. wide. It wears excellently, and is made in several colours—blue, grey and black.

C. F., Birmingham.—The "Perfection" bedpan is now made in England, 8s. each—the very best shape we know. See our advertisement columns. Agents, Southall Brothers and Barclay, 19, 20, 21, Lower Priory, Birmingham; W. Toogood, Heddon Street, Regent Street, London, W.; and A. de St. Dalmas and Co., Leicester.

Nurse S. M., Glasgow.—The paper submitted is too ethical. Why not send something for the "Practical Points" column? or Notes of Interesting Cases?—names omitted, of course.

Dr. G. F.—We regret the signature is too late, but many thanks all the same.

Midwife.—Your letter will appear next week. Its suggestions seem eminently practical. The fee question seems very unsatisfactory, and must lead to worry for the midwife.

Our Five Guinea Prize Competition.

A Prize of Five Guineas will be awarded each quarter by the Editor to the author of the best article on some practical nursing subject of about 2,000 words in length, with illustrations, of which photographs or engravings must be enclosed, and under the following conditions:—

1. Each competitor must enclose with his or her article a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the article, and inside a piece of paper containing the name of the article and the author's full name and address.

2. The decision as to the winner of the Prize will be made by the Editor, and the decision must be accepted by each competitor as final and unquestionable. The Prize cannot be won twice in any one year by the same competitor.

3. The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish, if she thinks fit, any of the articles received for the competition; and in such an event will pay the author of such article the sum of one guinea, such article to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

All articles competing for the Prize must be received by the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., not later than SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD. The successful article will appear in the Autumn Special Number.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on page vii., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy, 1½d. Gives a brief review of the history of State Registration of Nurses.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page viii.

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