

mands at our sick bedside from the classic figure of Mrs. Gamp." Now, do our well-trained nurses wear their hair in "bangs," heavy greasy toupees touching the eyebrows? I never observe such hair dressing amongst nurses. The streamers, of course, I concede, and, very useless and untidy they are; but my experience of trained nurses in the sick room is that they are exquisitely neat and sweet-looking, with their suit fresh from the washtub and their hair kept as aseptic and tidy as possible.

It seems very unfair to stamp the type of the East End factory girl upon them as a class.

Yours truly,

A PRIVATE PATIENT.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Todd drew attention in your columns last week to the "Upton Letters," for which many of your readers will doubtless be grateful to her. Those letters deal with Eton and its affairs. May I direct attention to another book which has fascinated me—"The Hill," by Horace O. Vachell, which gives a wonderful insight into Harrow life. The contrast between the Hill and the Plain, and the loyalty of the boys to each is wonderfully described. So are the feelings of a boy who came of a family of Etonians, but whose doctor ordered him to Harrow for his health. I have forthwith included "The Hill" in my list of Christmas gifts, and I am sure it will find a welcome.

Yours faithfully,

A PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSE.

Comments and Replies.

A League Member.—The members of leagues which are affiliated to the Provisional Committee of the National Council in this country are through it affiliated to the International Council of Nurses. Thus they are officially connected with the great Federation of American Nurses, and the German Nurses' Association, which have the same status in the International Council, having been officially invited to enter it at the Quinquennial Meeting held in Berlin last year.

Maternity Nurse.—Asses milk may be procured from Welford and Sons' Dairies, Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, W. They keep a herd of milch asses and undertake its delivery to any part of the kingdom. The same firm also supplies humanised milk.

Mrs. Robinson.—The Bill introduced last session by Mr. Munro-Ferguson on behalf of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses can be obtained through any bookseller, or from Messrs. Wyman, Fetter Lane, E.C., price 1½d. It is now under revision.

Enquirer.—There is no binder better than the straight one made of roller towelling which, by pinning, can be fitted exactly to the required shape. Laundry pins should be used. The art of its application must be learnt by practice.

Our Practical Points Competition.

A Prize of One Guinea will be awarded by the Editor to the author of the best paragraph of not less than 400 or more than 500 words, descriptive of some point connected with practical nursing. A second Prize of half a guinea will also be awarded to the author of the paragraph which is second in merit. The conditions of the competition are as follows:—

1. Each competitor must enclose with his or her paragraph a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the paragraph only, and inside the title of the paragraph with the author's full name and address.
2. The decision of the Editor must be accepted by each competitor as final.
3. The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish any of the paragraphs received for the competition. In such event payment will be made for the paragraph at the current rate, such paragraph to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.
4. All competition paragraphs must be received by the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., not later than Thursday, December 28th. The one gaining the prize, with the name of the prize-winner, will be published in our issue of January 6th.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE 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 p. iv. of cover, or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. 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. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

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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