

knowledge of nursing might prove very helpful. She would, if necessary, make a gruel for the mother, or an ordinary poultice, or might see that baby's bottle was thoroughly clean, and that the baby itself was comfortable, and might also tidy the house. Help of this kind would, I am sure, be of great use in the dwellings of the poor in these lesser illnesses; and I feel equally certain that it would pave the way for the kindly and favourable reception of Bible ministrations.

No longer or more detailed course of instruction for the ordinary Biblewoman is advocated than I consider is desirable for women generally. Why should young women not be taught simple nursing as a part of their education, just as they are being taught sewing, cooking, &c.? The need for that knowledge is too sure to come as years pass, when they have taken their place in family life. As I have indicated, it is not necessary for the acquisition of the small amount of special knowledge required for the less important ailments that they should be trained in hospitals or at dispensaries. Instruction similar to, but less technical and simpler than what has been given for many years by Mrs. Strong, the Matron of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, would suffice.

Yours faithfully,

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## Comments and Replies.

In answer to several correspondents we beg to state that the Journals we suggest should find a place on the tables of all Nurses' Libraries, are THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING (weekly), costing 4s. 4d. annually if taken through a local agent, or 6s. 6d. if sent by post from the office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. *The American Journal of Nursing* (monthly), obtainable through our office, price 10s. 6d. post free. *The Canadian Nurse* (quarterly), obtainable from Miss Christie, 19, Classic Avenue, Toronto, 2s. per annum, postage extra. *The Australasian Nurses' Journal*, published monthly, price 6d., Equitable Building, George Street, Sydney, New South Wales, and *Una*, the organ of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, published monthly, price 6d., 317, Collins Street, Melbourne. All these journals are professional in tone, and will keep nurses who read them in touch with nursing progress all over the world.

"*Hey What.*"—(1) As there are several Residential Homes for nurses in the neighbourhood you mention we are unable to supply the information you ask for without further details. (2) The "Repello" Thermometer can be obtained through all surgical instrument makers, opticians and chemists, or direct from G. H. Zeal, 82, Turnmill Street, E.C., price from 5s. to 7s. 6d. (3) In regard to your third question it is too large a one to deal with in a short answer. It is generally acknowledged that such diseases as small-pox and measles are infectious during the incubation period, but there are many others concerning which medical experts are not agreed. It is better to be on the safe side.

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A prize of £2 2s. for the best article on a Practical Nursing Subject, of from 1,300 to 1,400 words. Illustrations are not compulsory, but add to the value of the article. Papers competing for this prize must be received by the Editor not later than Saturday, February 3rd. The article gaining the prize and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will appear on February 10th.

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### 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.

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