

## PREMATURE BURIAL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Perhaps you know that a new, scientific method of preventing premature burial was recently brought to the notice of the French Academy of Science. It is reported that M. Vailant, director of the Radiographic Laboratory at the Lariboisière Hospital in Paris, has, since 1897, made experiments with over 1,000 subjects, living and dead, and has arrived at the discovery that by means of the X-rays it is possible to prevent premature burial.

Two radiographs, one of a living person, the other of a corpse, were exhibited. In the radiograph of the living person it was impossible to distinguish the internal organs, while in that of the corpse the liver, etc., were clearly visible.

I am, yours truly,

A CREMATIONIST.

## GOATS' MILK FOR INFANTS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—May I ask if any of your readers have fed a baby from birth on goats' milk; if so, in what proportions did they give it, and with what was it diluted?

Yours very sincerely,

MARY HARVEY.

## Comments and Replies.

Mrs. James.—We think you must mean the Peri-Lusta Threads which are charming for embroidery. Ask at the establishment where you generally obtain your embroidery silks and cottons for them. They probably keep them, if not they would have no difficulty in obtaining them.

Miss C. Jackson, Bournemouth.—"Rheumatoid Arthritis, Its Pathology, Morbid Anatomy, and Treatment," by Dr. Gilbert A. Bannatyne, Hon. Physician to the Royal United Hospital, Bath, is a book which can be recommended on this subject. It is published by John Wright and Co., Bristol, the last edition being issued in 1906.

Private Nurse.—Many doctors now recommend the installation of a gas fire in the room of a chronic invalid. All particulars can be obtained from the Gas Light and Coke Co., Horseferry Road, S.W.

We are asked to draw the attention of nurses who reply to "Box" advertisements for posts in these columns that if they desire an answer they should always enclose a stamped envelope.

The Editor will be obliged if readers who wish for single or back numbers of the Journal will write to the Manager at 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C., for them, or order them from their local news-agents.

The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is always obtainable at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., an easily accessible centre for those who wish to purchase it at the West End, or who desire extra copies.

## Four Prize Competitions.

The Editor offers the following prizes:—

## FOR A PRACTICAL NURSING POINT.

- 1.—A Prize of 10s. for a Practical Point on Nursing of about 250 words. Articles competing for this prize must reach the Editor not later than February 1st. The name of the successful competitor will be published in our issue of February 8th.

## FOR THE MOST INTERESTING FOREIGN LETTER.

- 2.—A prize of £1 10s. for the most interesting Foreign Letter of Nursing Interest, containing not more than 1,200 words. Letters competing for this prize must reach the Editor not later than March 4th. The name of the successful competitor will be published in our issue of March 14th.

## FOR AN ARTICLE OF PRACTICAL VALUE TO MIDWIVES.

- 3.—A Prize of £1 10s. for the best Article of Practical Value to Midwives, containing not more than 1,200 words. Articles competing for this prize must reach the Editor not later than February 15th. The name of the successful competitor will be published in our issue of February 29th.

## OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

- 4.—Details will be found on Page xii. of our advertisement columns. Competitors are asked to note that for the next three months the prizes given in connection with this competition will be "The History of Nursing" (two volumes), by Miss M. A. Nutting, Professor of Domestic Administration in Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York; and Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Sec., International Council of Nurses.

## CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMPETITIONS

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- Each competitor must enclose with his or her article a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the article only, and inside the title of the article with the author's full name and address. The covering envelope should bear the words "Prize Competition." The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish any of the articles received for the competition. In such event payment will be made at the current rate; such article to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. In each case, in awarding the prize, illustrations accompanying the articles will be considered as giving them additional value.

All competitions must be addressed to the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

## Notice.

## PRIZE PUZZLE.

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

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