

subsequent registration. Miss Louisa Stevenson at present holds the following public positions:—

Honorary Secretary of the Edinburgh Association for the University Education of Women.

Honorary Secretary of the Masson Hall of Residence and Union for University Women Students.

Member of the Board of Management of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on which she takes her seat as one of the contributors' representatives.

Member of the Executive Committee and Council of the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

Member of the Scottish Branch of the Colonial Nursing Association.

Chairman of the Edinburgh School of Cookery and Domestic Economy.

Member of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

Vice-President of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland.

For many years Miss Stevenson was a member of St. Cuthbert's Parochial Board (now merged in the Edinburgh Parish Council), and as far back as 1888 brought forward and carried a motion in favour of the appointment of trained nurses in workhouse hospitals, a much-needed reform at that time. It is significant of the appreciation of her work that in every contested election in the ward which she represented she was returned at the head of the poll.

Miss Stevenson's public career affords a brilliant example of the value of a woman's work in this connection. Her genial courtesy and her indomitable perseverance contribute largely to the success of any work which she undertakes. She has a thorough grasp of the subject in hand, upon which she brings to bear the broad-minded views of a woman of the world, and she can deal with detail in the same wide spirit. This characteristic is specially valuable in dealing with nursing matters, for in the nursing profession the various schools have so far been isolated, and both nurses and matrons are for the most part inclined to take a narrow and parochial view of their professional affairs instead of dealing with them from the point of view of the greatest good of the greatest number.

The influence of so statesmanlike a woman as Miss Louisa Stevenson will therefore be most helpful in dealing with nursing organisation and, under her presidency, we have every hope for the successful future of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Our Guinea Prize.

Again we have to express regret that no competitor has sent in correct answers to the Prize Puzzles for June.

KEY TO PUZZLES.

No. 1. Convulsions. Convulsions.

No. 2. Lupus. Lupus (wolf).

No. 3. Otitis. O tight is.

No. 4. Shingles. Shingles.

The new set of puzzles will be found on page xviii, for which a Travel Prize of £20 is offered this month to celebrate the issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Hints for Members of the Public Employing Private Nurses.

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I read with mixed feelings the other day a little pamphlet called "Don'ts," containing a quantity of negative advice to nurses—private nurses—no doubt good advice, but advice that was so obvious that one could not but wonder, at first, as to what kind of nurses the authoress had met, and where on earth they had hailed from. Then, however, as I speculated on the often extraordinary behaviour of the general public (from whom, after all, nurses spring) towards nurses, I thought it might not be superfluous to embody a little advice to the said public, also in a series of DON'TS, which, with sincere apologies to the original authoress for my plagiarism, I do:—

DON'T engage a nurse who is not a trained sick-nurse, and then abuse the whole profession for the shortcomings of one who is practically an impostor.

DON'T send an Institution a satisfactory account of an unsatisfactory nurse because you have not the moral courage to send a true one, and then ease your conscience by abusing nurses in general to your friends.

DON'T cease to be mistress in your own house because you have a nurse. Keep the reins in your own hands; it is better for everyone.

DON'T make a bosom friend of a perfect stranger simply because she comes to your house as a nurse; don't initiate her into all your family secrets and then speak of her, when the danger is over and you have cooled down, as "that prying, inquisitive woman."

DON'T engage a woman as a sick-nurse, presumably because you have sick person in the house, and then expect her to act as extra housemaid.

DON'T encourage the servants to refuse all help to the nurse. Lectures of advice to private nurses teem with instructions for propitiating the servants. This should be entirely unnecessary if the lady of the house is really its mistress.

DON'T expect a nurse to know by instinct the working of your house; see yourself that she is properly housed and properly fed, and explain to her how you wish her to manage in domestic matters.

DON'T attempt to overrule the doctor's orders to the nurse; appeal to him yourself if you wish anything altered. Remember he is the nurse's professional superior.

DON'T tempt your nurse to be disloyal to the doctor under whom she is working by trying to persuade her to give you her private opinion of his treatment; whether she knows anyone "especially good at the patient's complaint," "if you think the

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