

little covered cup (metal to save smashes), and a wee bittie fish and potato salad, plenty of custardy pudding and fruit, not a spoonful, but a soup plate well filled up. Something "fancy" for supper, but not huge joints of wholesome, sustaining, underdone meat. When I was training I had my own slender old rat-tailed silver forks and spoons—what a difference they made to the taste and quality of the food. I have heard jokes made about a certain hospital chairman, who is said to busy himself in the nurses' refectory. It is reported of him:—"He actually feels if the knives and forks are greasy." It may not be his special duty, but to have a chairman who realises how loathsome "greasy" articles to eat with are must be very good for the standard of cleanliness in the nurse's home. It is just in these little matters that so many institutions fail.

Yours truly,
STAFF NURSE.

Comments and Replies.

G. O., Bristol.—Stay the three years instead of two if a certificate is given for that period. We have not the slightest doubt that such certificate would qualify you for registration, and it is most important that those desiring to qualify themselves as nurses should keep the fact in mind that registration will be in force before many more years have passed, in spite of interested opposition. It is our insular method to oppose changes and reforms—the medical world went through every phase of a "registration question" before the Medical Acts were passed, and had it not been for the tremendous courage of the first editor of the *Lancet*, who did so much through the publicity of the press to show up abuses and defects in medical education and practice, it would have taken the medical profession even longer than it did to obtain registration. This journal is playing the same part in nursing organisation which the *Lancet* did sixty years ago in the medical world. It is a nurses' journal for nurses, not a mere commercial venture.

Matron B.—Glad to hear your nurse was so happy at 12, Sussex Square, Brighton. Everything we know is being done to make visitors as happy as possible; that has always been the aim of those who founded, worked for, and have kept the Home going for the last fourteen years. Thank you for sending cards of terms to friends. The little pamphlet is in hand, and we will forward it as soon as ready.

Nurse T.—You will find what you need at Messrs. Debenham and Freebody's. Excellent shoes, just what you require, will be found at Messrs. Garrould's in the Edgeware Road. This firm caters for nurses with the greatest care.

The Society for State Registration of Nurses.—The Hon. Secretary will be obliged if nurses sending for information concerning this Society will enclose a stamp for reply, as omission to do so costs the Society a great deal in the aggregate.

The Hon. Secretary begs to thank all those nurses who have applied for membership since July 5th. Receipts will be sent upon the return of the lady who kindly acts as Secretary from her holidays on August 5th. Owing to the very small subscription, the Society depends almost entirely upon gratuitous help, and with a membership of nearly 1600 the book-keeping is no small matter.

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. It 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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