

"Oh, darling laziness! Heaven of Epicurus! Saint's Everlasting Rest! that I could drink vast potations of thee thro' unmeasured Eternity—'Otium cum, vel sine, dignitate.' Scandalous, dishonourable, any kind of repose; I stand not on the dignified sort. Accursed, damned desks, trade, commerce, business, inventions of that old original busybody, brain-working Satan—Sabbathless, restless Satan. A curse relieves: do you ever try it?" E. S. M.

Comments and Replies.

The serum mentioned by "A. M. S." can be procured from Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., Snow Hill Buildings, London, E.C. Also from Messrs. Allen and Hanbury, 37, Lombard Street, E.C.

Matron D.—The fact that there is really very little theoretical instruction given in the hospital to which you allude, may be the reason of your difficulty in getting suitable probationers. Unless nurses are efficiently trained now they cannot compete successfully with those that are well trained either in institutions or private nursing. Your complaint, that neither the Committee nor medical staff approve of "too much theory for nurses," will result in the best class of woman not entering the hospital for training. We should advise you to place your difficulties in writing before the Committee, and if they will not realise their duty to the probationers, resign.

Nurse C. A.—Wodderspoon's Temperance and Diet Charts are good and cheap. Address, Gate Street, Holborn, W.C.

M. T., Glasgow.—The question "does discipline make nurses honourable?" is a wide one. If by discipline you mean a high standard of right conduct judiciously enforced, we should reply yes. We find that a high ethical standard makes women realise their professional responsibility, and this is much needed in the majority of training-schools. Not meaning to be dishonourable, we feel sure many nurses in private work break rules they have undertaken to obey, and ignore regulations established for the general benefit; this is often from lack of an ethical standard and a sense of responsibility.

Would-be Competitor.—The illustrations appear to be a great difficulty with many would-be competitors for the £5 5s. Prize. Should the competition fail in September for need of them, it will be much to be regretted, as our American colleagues can illustrate their Practical Nursing articles excellently. We need more enterprise. If a thing can be done, means should be forthcoming to do it. Rules for competition are printed on this page.

E. A. B., Lynton.—We should advise you to write to the Hon. Secretary, The Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C., who will give you the information you require. A fee is usually charged for learning midwifery, unless a course is taken in the training-school term. Write for information to the Secretary, Midwives' Institute, at same address as above.

Sister M. T., Birmingham.—The best way to help the Registration cause is to join, and get all your nurse friends to join, the Society for the State Registration of Nurses. Read paragraph in next column.

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 vi., 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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