

free of charge. But we should expect that the members of the class would voluntarily support the British Esperanto Association in some way suited to their means (e.g., (1) by membership, (2) by subscribing to the journal). The text-book that I should select would be Geoghegan's Grammar and Exercises (1s. 6d.). And when that was finished there would probably have to be a division of the class into *advanced* and *elementary* sections. The advanced would preferably take up "Fundamenta Krestomatio" (3s. 6d. or 4s. 6d., according to binding), but if expense were an object I would select a cheaper reading-book. The elementaries would have to go over their Geoghegan again.

There is a cheaper way, but not so good, which I will discuss if you wish.

For the first two or three lessons a blackboard would be a great convenience, but it is not essential. I could also make use of a lantern and operator, if placed at my disposal for one evening.

P.S.—If a correspondence class is contemplated, it would be greatly assisted by a column in your paper devoted to the subject.—Yours faithfully,

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[Our desire is to organise a class of nurses in London during the coming winter to study Esperanto, if a sufficient number wish it. We are very grateful to Mr. Wackrill for his most kind interest in the matter. So many nurses are now on holiday that we propose to refer to this matter again a month hence.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

Miss W. L., Reading.—You would find "Hygiene and Public Health," by Arthur Newsholme, M.D., useful. It is published by George Gill and Sons, Ltd., Minerva House, Warwick Lane, E.C., price 4s. 6d. You should read also the final volume of "Life and Labour of the People of London," by Mr. Charles Booth, entitled "Notes on Social Influences." It is published by Macmillan and Co., price 5s. "Democracy and Social Ethics," by Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, also published by the Macmillan Company, cannot fail to be both interesting and useful to you. Price about 5s.

Provincial Nurse.—Write to Messrs. Garrould, 150, Edgware Road, for their new Red Cross catalogue. It is very complete and well illustrated, so that you will have little difficulty in selecting what you require.

Maternity Pupil.—Blunt scissors are used for severing the cord, because in this way the danger of hæmorrhage, which is always greatest from a clean cut, is lessened. The scissors must, of course, be scrupulously clean. A second ligature is put on after the first bath of the infant, because the cord is liable to shrink in the warm water, in which case the original ligature may slip, and hæmorrhage occur.

Nurse P.—If you can arrange it we should certainly advise you to go abroad for your holiday. The thorough change of air, scene, and surroundings, not to mention food, are a great rest and refreshment.

Fully Fledged.—Private nursing is a most responsible branch of work, making demands on all the resourcefulness a nurse has at her command. To those who possess the necessary talents it is full of interest. Some experience of the nursing of better class patients in a good private nursing home is an excellent preparation for the work.

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. No letter or other enclosure should give a clue to the identity of the competitor. Envelopes should be marked "£5 5s. Prize Competition."

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 Hon. 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. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

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

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