

perfectly well that he will be unable to keep polo ponies or a shooting-box out of his pay; if he wants them he must find the money elsewhere, or embark on some more lucrative profession.

It is always open to nurses with whom money is bound to be the chief object to take up private nursing, which, admittedly, is more remunerative than hospital work; but if a nurse accepts the post of Sister in a poor hospital, with its advantages and its congenial work, she must face the fact that it is impossible for her to receive "adequate" remuneration in bullion.

Yours faithfully,

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Southampton.

[We did not claim for Sisters that they should receive salaries which "run to evening frocks," but that they should be paid a salary "which will enable them to make adequate provision for the days when they can work no longer and to take a restful holiday at the end of a year's hard work." We were not referring to the salaries paid to Sisters in county hospitals, our remarks applied equally to many metropolitan ones. We should be glad to know what other Matrons and Sisters think on this subject.—ED.]

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have just resigned the post of Sister in a country hospital, where my salary was £24 I could not afford to give the best years of my working life at the price. The cook in the same institution had £32 and perquisites. It is indeed time hospital committees realised the responsibilities, educational and otherwise, of hospital Sisters. £30 should be the minimum salary given.—Yours sincerely, E. S.

[Further correspondence is unavoidably held over till next week.—ED.]

Comments and Replies.

Inquirer.—All the principal London and Provincial Infirmarys now train for three years, and we should strongly advise you, if possible, to enter one for this period. You cannot get a thorough training in less, though you might get a useful insight into general nursing work. If this is what you wish to do, you might find a suitable opportunity in some cottage hospitals. An advertisement in the columns of this Journal would probably be your best method of making known your need.

Infirmary Nurse.—Write to the Matron, Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses, 12, Sussex Square, Brighton. As you and your friend desire to share a room the charge would be a guinea a week each. When a separate bedroom is occupied the charge is 25s.

Provincial Matron.—We have referred to the Report of the Select Committee in another column. It may be obtained through any bookseller, price 1s. 6d., or from Wyman and Sons, Ltd., 109, Fetter Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. We hope you will use your influence to induce nurses to study it. Every nurse should acquaint herself with its contents, otherwise she cannot be abreast with her professional affairs.

Maternity Nurse.—A baby's binder should be applied so as to keep in place comfortably without slipping, but it is a mistake to put it on too tight, as many nurses do.

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 this 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 iii. of Cover, 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.

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

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