

in many strange forms, and is essentially one in which the patient as well as the disease must be nursed.

I am, dear madam,

Yours faithfully,
OBSERVER.

FRACTURED RIBS IN A PADDED ROOM.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I confess I was horrified at the account you published last week of the death of a poor insane man in a padded room. If it is possible for a patient to injure himself to the extent of fracturing ten ribs and covering himself with bruises when placed in such a room, of what possible use is such treatment. I thought it was to make such calamities impossible that padded rooms were designed. If the doctor was right who thought that the injuries were the "direct result of great violence," then such treatment of a patient is brutal, and the delinquent should be brought to book.

Yours faithfully,
A HORRIFIED NURSE.

Comments and Replies.

Probationer.—We should certainly recommend you to possess yourself of some nursing books of your own, even if there is a reference library in connection with your training-school. You may leave when your term of training is over, and will then need your own library. You will be glad to have accumulated it by degrees.

Miss E. P., Bristol.—We should advise you to obtain "Foods and Dietaries," by Dr. Robert W. Burnet. The price is 4s., and it is published by Messrs. Charles Griffin and Co., Ltd., Exeter Street, Strand.

Mrs. P.—Humanised milk is supplied by Messrs. Welford and Sons, Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, London, W. The firm also maintain a herd of milch asses, and asses' milk is delivered when required to all parts of the kingdom.

Scotch Matron.—There is a valuable chapter on Serum Therapy in the new edition of the *Materia Medica for Nurses*, by Miss L. L. Dock. This is a book which should be in the hands of every head of a training-school, and we should advise you to at once obtain it. It is published by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, the price being 4s. 6d.

Notice.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

A limited number of vacancies on the staff will be filled during the autumn. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, will be at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., to interview candidates from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, September 30th and October 7th.

Qualifications for membership:—

A three years' certificate of General Training. Preference will be given to those candidates who have in addition practical experience in the nursing of specialities, such as fever nursing, maternity or gynecological work, and in massage.

Age of candidates, twenty-five to thirty-five.

Address the Secretary, Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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 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.

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

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