

kindness of the Matron, who worked so hard for our comfort.

I shall always look back with much pleasure to my visit, and hope to go again soon.

Yours faithfully,  
NAOMI HOLFORD.  
University College Hospital,  
Gower Street, W.C.

#### THE PROPOSED "HALL" ASSOCIATION: AN APPEAL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—With the aid of some of my colleagues in the Public Service I am desirous of forming an association of holders of the assistants' certificate of the Society of Apothecaries of London.

I therefore beg to ask you to be good enough to give me your valuable assistance by allowing me to make an appeal in your columns to all who may be interested in the matter, especially to those holding appointments in the public and hospital services.

Several of us have felt for some time past that our interests are greatly imperilled through lack of organisation, and we feel that the time is ripe to combine to enable us to protect the undoubted privileges and advantages which we possess.

I may say that I have had a personal interview with Mr. A. M. Upton, clerk to the Society of Apothecaries, who assured me of the sympathy and support of that body. He also promised a very substantial aid by offering, subject to the approval of the Master and Wardens, to place a room at the Society's hall at our disposal in which to meet and discuss the several questions which are now agitating the whole dispensing body.

I therefore earnestly invite all those who may be willing to join such an association to forward to me their names and addresses at their earliest convenience. Should this appeal meet with a satisfactory response I will at once take steps to call a meeting.

I am, Dear Madam,  
faithfully yours,  
ALBERT HOWELL.

Hackney Union Dispensary,  
Rosebery Place, Dalston, N.E.

#### Comments and Replies.

*Loyalty, London.*—Apply to Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, 68, Victoria Street, S.W., from whom you can get all information. Lately salaries have been raised, and you will be fortunate if admitted to so honourable a branch of our profession.

*Midwife, Dublin.*—The Midwives Act does not apply to Ireland or Scotland, but as Irish and Scottish nurses often work in England we should certainly advise you to pass the Examination of the Midwives Board and register.

*S. V. A., Glasgow.*—Miss E. S. Haldane is the Chairman of the Committee for State Registration of Nurses in Edinburgh. Write to your Member of Parliament.

#### Three Prize Competitions.

The Editor offers the following prizes:—

##### No. 1. PRACTICAL NURSING ARTICLE.

A prize of £2 2s. for the best article on a Practical Nursing Subject, of from 1,300 to 1,400 words. Illustrations are not compulsory, but add to the value of the article. Papers competing for this prize must be received by the Editor not later than Saturday, February 3rd. The article gaining the prize and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will appear on February 10th.

##### No. 2. PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Details will be found on page xviii.

##### No. 3. REMINISCENCE DURING TRAINING.

A prize of 10s. 6d. for the most interesting Reminiscence during Training, not to exceed 500 words. Papers competing for this prize must be received by the Editor not later than Saturday, February 10th. The paragraph gaining the prize and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will be published on February 17th.

#### CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMPETITIONS 1 AND 3

Each competitor must enclose with his or her article or paragraph a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the contents only, and inside the title of the contents with the author's full name and address.

The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish any of the articles or paragraphs received for the competition. In such event payment will be made at the current rate; such article or paragraph to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

All competitions must be addressed to the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

#### Notices.

##### THE SOCIETY FOR THE 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 p. iii. of the cover, or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

##### 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 xviii.

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